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PREFACE

The book, Is There An Answer?, has been written and compiled to help students, missionaries, and other members of the Church find scriptural answers to many of the objections posed to them concerning some of the doctrines and practices of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Where would you look to find the answers to the following questions?

Mormons are prejudice by not letting the Negroes have the priesthood.
The Sabbath should be on Saturday.
You can worship anywhere; you don't need to go to Church.
Mormons are not Christians.
Joseph Smith borrowed from the Bible.
Mormon missionaries are draft dodgers.
Mormons are communistic in their law of consecration.
Man has evolved.

These and many more questions and objections to latter-day doctrine and practices are answered from the Holy Scriptures. In addition, pertinent comments have been included from past and present general authorities of the Church.

It is our sincere desire that anyone reading this book will find answers to many of the questions presented to him, that he will become more proficient in understanding and presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ. To this end the book, Is There An Answer?, has been written.

This is not a Church publication, and we take full responsibility for the book.

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POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE GODHEAD

1. There is no evidence that there is a God.

Bible:

Genesis 32:30	Jacob saw God face to face.
Exodus 24:9-11	Moses and seventy of the elders of Israel saw Jehovah (Christ).
Exodus 33:9-11	Jehovah spoke to Moses face to face.
Psalms 14:1	"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."
Psalms 19:1	The firmament shows God's handiwork.
Matthew 7:7	Seek God and you'll find him.
Matthew 16:16	Peter testifies that Christ is the Son of the living God.
John 5:32-40	Christ's works bore witness of him.
John 7:17	If a man will do the works of Christ, he shall know there is a God.
John 15:26-27	The Spirit of Truth shall testify that Jesus came from the Father.
Acts 7:55-56	Steven saw Christ on the right hand of God the Father.
James 1:5-6	If anyone lacks wisdom, ask God and you will be answered.
I John 2:3	We will know God if we keep his commandments.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 20:9-17	The purpose of the Book of Mormon is to show that there is an eternal and infinite God.
D&C 76:22-23	Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon saw the Father and the Son.
Title Page, Book of Mormon	The Book of Mormon is to convince the Jews and Gentiles that Jesus is the Christ.
Jacob 7:9-12	The scriptures testify of Christ.
Alma 30:37-44	The scriptures, prophets, and the earth, with its motion, show that there is a God.
Mormon 9:7-12	God created the heavens and the earth and is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Moroni 10:4-5	Ask God to know the truth of all things.
Joseph Smith 2:14-20	Joseph Smith saw the Father and the Son.

2. No man has seen God at any time. (Elohim, The Father)

Bible:

John 6:46	He that is of God has seen the Father.
Acts 7:55-56	Steven saw Christ on the right hand of God.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 76:22-23	Joseph Smith & Sidney Rigdon saw Jesus on the right hand of God.
Joseph Smith 2:17	Joseph Smith saw the Father and the Son.
Talmage, James, Jesus the Christ, 19 ed., p.39	Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Moses saw God.

3. No man has seen God at any time. (Christ or Jehovah, The Son.)

Bible:

Genesis 32:30	Jacob saw God (Jehovah).
Exodus 24:9-11	Moses and seventy of the elders of Israel saw Jehovah.
Exodus 33:9-11	Moses saw God face to face.
Exodus 33:20-23 (Inspired Version)	No sinful man can see God and live.
John 20:11-18	Christ appeared to Mary.
John 20:26-29	Christ appeared to Thomas.

Latter-Day Scripture:

3 Nephi 11:1-17	The Nephites saw Christ.
Ether 3:1-20	Mahonri Moriancumer (Brother of Jared) saw Christ.
Moses 1:1-11	Moses spoke to God and saw him with his spiritual eyes.

(Also see Objection No. 7 - No man can see God and live.)

4. God is invisible.

Bible:

Acts 7:55-56	Steven saw Christ on the right hand of the Father.
I John 3:1-3	Man shall see God as He is.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 130:22	The Father and Christ have bodies of flesh and bones that can be seen.
D&C 131:7-8	A spirit body can be seen by mortal man.
Joseph Smith 2:17	Joseph Smith saw God the Father and the Son.

(Also see Objection No. 7 - No man can see God and live.)

5. God is a principle, not a person.

Bible:

Genesis 1:26-27	Man was created in God's image.
Matthew 3:17	"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
Matthew 16:16	Christ is the Son of the living God.
John 3:16-21	God gave his Only Begotten Son to save mankind.
John 6:69	Christ is the Son of the living God.
Acts 7:55-56	Steven saw Christ on the right hand of the Father.
Romans 8:16-17	We are the spirit children of God.
Hebrews 12:9	God is the Father of our spirit bodies.
Revelation 22:3-4	The righteous are promised that they will see God's face.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 14:9	Jesus is the Son of the living God.
D&C 67:11-13	No man has seen God - unless he is quickened by the spirit.
D&C 76:22-23	Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon saw Christ on the right hand of the Father.
D&C 97:16	The pure in heart shall see God.
D&C 129:1-9	There are two kinds of beings in heaven, resurrected persons and spirits.
D&C 130:22-23	God and Christ both have tangible bodies of flesh and bones.

1 Nephi 11:11	The spirit of the Lord is in the form of a man (Holy Ghost.)
Ether 3:6-16	The brother of Jared saw the body of Jesus Christ's spirit.
Joseph Smith 2:15-19	Joseph Smith saw the Father and the Son.

6. God is only a spirit.

Bbile:

Genesis 1:26-27	God created man his own image.
Genesis 5:1-4	Seth was created in Adam's likeness and man in God's likeness.
Genesis 8:21	The Lord smelled a sweet savour.
Genesis 9:6	God made man in his image.
Genesis 32:30	Jacob saw God face to face.
Exodus 24:9-11	Seventy elders of Israel saw God's hands and feet.
Exodus 33:11	The Lord spoke to Moses face to face.
Exodus 33:20-23	"Thou shalt see my back parts."
Luke 24:36-43	"Behold my hands and feet, a spirit hath not flesh and bones."
John 14:7-9	He that has seen Christ has seen the Father.
Acts 1:9-11	Christ was taken into heaven and will return in similar manner.
Acts 7:55-56	Steven saw Christ on the right hand of the Father.
II Corinthians 4:4	Christ's image is the same as the Father's.
Hebrews 1:1-3	Jesus is in the express image of God.
Revelations 19:12-15	Christ's eyes were as a flame of fire and he wore a crown upon his head.
Revelations 22:3-4	The servants of Christ are to see his face.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 20:17-19	We are created after God's likeness and image.
D&C 110:1-3	The Savior's feet, eyes, hair and voice are described.
D&C 130:22-23	The Father and the Son have bodies of flesh and bones.

Alma 18:34	Man was created in the image of God.
Alma 22:12	Man was created in God's image.
3 Nephi 11:15	The Nephites felt Christ's hands, feet and side.
Moses 1:11	Moses beheld the face of Jehovah.
Joseph Smith 2:17	Joseph Smith saw the Father and the Son.

7. No man can see God and live.

Bible:

Genesis 32:30	Jacob saw God face to face.
Exodus 24:9-10	Moses and seventy elders saw God.
Exodus 33:11	The Lord spoke to Moses face to face.
Exodus 33:20-23	Moses saw the back parts of God.
John 1:18-19 (Inspired Version)	No man has seen the Father unless he has borne witness of the Son.
John 6:46	The righteous can see God.
Acts 7:55-56	Steven saw the Father and the Son.
Revelations 19:12-15	Christ's eyes were as a flame of fire, and He wore a crown upon His head.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 67:10-13	Man cannot see God unless he has the influence of the Holy Ghost upon him.
D&C 76:22-23	Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon saw the Father and the Son.
D&C 110	Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery saw Jesus Christ.
1 Nephi 11:11	Nephi saw the Holy Spirit.
3 Nephi 11	Christ appeared to the Nephites.
Ether 3:6-16	The Brother of Jared saw Christ.
Moses 1:2, 11	Moses beheld God, but not with his natural eyes.
Joseph Smith 2:17	Joseph Smith saw God and Christ.

(Also see Objections Nos. 2 and 3 -No man hath seen God at any time.)

8. How many Gods are there?

Bible:

Genesis 1:26	"Let US make man in OUR image. . . "

Exodus 18:11	The Lord is greater than all the Gods.
Psalms 82:6	Ye are Gods - Children of the Most High God.
Matthew 28:19	Baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
John 10:34-38	Jesus said, "Ye are Gods."
John 17:25	The Father sent Christ.
Romans 8:14-17	We are joint heirs with Christ.
I Corinthians 8:5-6	There are Gods many and Lords many, but to us there is only one God.
Revelations 1:5-7	We are made kings and priests unto Christ and the Father.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 132:19-24	"Then shall they become Gods. . ."
D&C 132:37	Abraham and Isaac are Gods.
Pearl of Great Price, p. 60	First Article of Faith

(Also see Objection No. 9 - There is only one personage in the Godhead.)

9. There is only one personage in the Godhead.

Bible:

Matthew 3:13-17	The Father said: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."
Matthew 7:21	While upon the earth, Christ said we must do the will of his Father in heaven.
Matthew 11:27	We can know the Father through the Son.
Matthew 12:31-32	To sin against the Holy Ghost is more serious than to sin against Christ.
Matthew 16:15-16	Peter said: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God."
Matthew 17:5	At the transfiguration Jesus was standing among the people and the voice of God was heard.
Mark 1:9-11	At the baptism of Jesus the Father said: "Thou art my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."
Luke 22:42	"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me."

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Luke 23:46	"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."
John 1:1-5	The word (Christ) was with God.
John 3:16	God sent His Son.
John 5:19	Christ did nothing but what He saw his Father do.
John 8:17-18	Two beareth witness: Jesus and the Father.
John 10:34-38	Jesus said, "I am the Son of God."
John 14:26	The Fa ther will send the Holy Ghost in Christ's name.
John 14:28	The Father is greater than Christ.
John 17:1-5	Christ had glory with the Father before coming to the earth.
John 17:20-21	The apostles were to be one even as God and Christ were one.
John 20:17	Jesus had not yet ascended to his Father.
John 20:21	As my Father has sent me, I send you.
Acts 7:55-56	Stephen, filled with the Holy Ghost, Saw the Father and the Son.
Hebrews 1:1-3	Jesus is in the express image of God.
I Peter 3:21-22	Christ is on the right hand of God.
I John 5:7	There are three that bear record: The Father, the Word (Christ), and the Holy Ghost.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 76:23	Joseph Smith saw Jesus on the right hand of God.
D&C 130:22-23	God and Christ have bodies and the Holy Ghost is a personage of spirit.
D&C 132:24	It is eternal lives to know God and Christ.
2 Nephi 31:18	The Holy Ghost witnesses of the Father and the Son.
3 Nephi 11:7	God introduced His Son, Jesus Christ.
3 Nephi 27:13-14	Christ came into the world to do the will of the Father.
Abraham 4	And they, that is the Gods, organized the earth.
Joseph Smith 2:14-20	Joseph Smith's vision of the Father and Son.

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE GODHEAD

10. Was God the literal Father of Jesus?

Bible:

Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11	The Father said, "This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."
Matthew 14:33	The apostles said, "Of truth thou art the Son of God."
Matthew 16:16	Peter said to Christ, "Thou art the Son of the living God."
Matthew 17:5	The Father's voice said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
Luke 1:32	Christ shall be called the Son of the Highest.
Luke 1:35	Gabriel told Mary, "The child born of thee shall be called the Son of God."
Luke 2:49	Christ said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business."
Luke 23:34	Jesus said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."
John 1:14	Christ is the glory of the Only Begotten of the Father.
John 3:16	God gave his Only Begotten Son to save those who believe upon Him.
John 5:18	Christ said God was his Father.
John 10:37	Christ said, "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.
John 20:21	Jesus sent His Apostles as his Father sent Him (Christ.)
I Corinthians 1:9	The Father called the Corinthians to fellowship with Jesus, His Son.
Hebrews 1:1-3	The Father has spoken unto us by His Son, Jesus Christ.
I John 4:9	God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 20:21	God gave to man his Only Begotten Son.
D&C 93:11	John saw the glory of the Only Begotten of the Father.
I Nephi 11:21	Christ is the Son of the Eternal Father.

1 Nephi 13:40	The Lamb of God is the Son of the Eternal Father.
2 Nephi 25:12	The Only Begotten of the Father shall be manifest in the flesh.
Alma 5:48	Jesus Christ would come as the Only Begotten of the Father.
Alma 13:9	Abraham and Melchizedek were ordained high priests after the order of the Son, the Only Begotten of the Father.
3 Nephi 11:7	The Father said, "Behold my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. . . "
Moses 1:6	Moses was in the similitude of the Only Begotten of the Father.
Moses 1:13-33	Christ is the Only Begotten of the Father.
Moses 2:26-27	God said unto his only Begotten, "Let us make man in Our image. . . "
Moses 3:18	God said unto his only Begotten, "That it is not good for man to be alone. . . "
Moses 4:28	God said unto his only Begotten, "Behold, the man is become as one of us. . . "
Moses 5:7-9, 57	Christ is the only begotten of the Father.

11. It debases God to be in man's image.

Bible:

Genesis 1:26-27	Man was created in God's image.
Genesis 1:31	God saw everything that He had created and it was good.
Genesis 5:1-3	Man was created in God's likeness and God blessed man.
Genesis 6:9	"Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations."
Genesis 17:1	Abram - "Walk before me, and be thou perfect."
Job 1:1	Job was a perfect and upright man.
Matthew 5:48	"Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect."
Acts 17:29-39	We are the offspring of God.

I Corinthians 11:7	Man is in the image and glory of God.
James 3:9	Man made after the similitude of God.
I John 3:2	We are sons of God, and when He appears we shall be like Him.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 88:41-50	God is above all things.
D&C 132:37	Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are now Gods.
I Nephi 11:11	The spirit of the Lord is in the form of a man.
Ether 3:6-16	Man is created in the image of Christ's spirit.
Moses 1:39	God's work & glory is to bring to pass immortality & eternal life of man.
Moses 6:9	Male & female were created after the image of God's body.
Abraham 4:27	The Gods organized man in their own image.

12. When the Bible says we are created in God's image, doesn't that mean his spiritual image?

Bible:

Genesis 1:26-27	Man was created in God's own image.
Genesis 5:1-3	God created man in his own likeness.
Luke 24:36-38	Christ showed his body of flesh and bones after He was resurrected.
James 3:9	Men are made in the similitude of God.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 130:22-23	God and Christ have bodies as tangible as man's
Moses 6:9	God created man in the image of his own body.
Joseph Smith 2:15-19	Joseph Smith saw God the Father and Jesus Christ.

13. We are not the literal children of God, only creations.

Bible:

Numbers 16:22	God is the God of the spirits of all flesh.

Job 1:6	The sons of God presented themselves before the Lord.
Job 38:4-7	All of the sons of God shouted for joy.
Ecclesiastes 12:7	. . . "The spirit shall return unto God who gave it."
Matthew 6:9	"Our Father which art in heaven. . . "
Luke 3:38	Adam was the son of God.
Acts 17:29	We are the offspring of God .
Romans 8:16-17	We are children of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.
Romans 8:29	Christ was the first born among many brethren.
Hebrews 12:9	We should be subject unto the Father of our spirits.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 76:24	The inhabitants of the worlds are begotten sons and daughters of God.

14. The appearance of Christ to his apostles was a special manifestation. He really doesn't have a body.

Bible:

Luke 24:13-32	Two men at Emmaus saw the resurrected Christ and ate with Him.
Luke 24:36-39	"Handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."
Luke 24:42-43	Jesus ate fish and honeycomb with his apostles.
John 20:19-20	Jesus appeared to his apostles and showed them his body.
John 20:26-29	Thomas felt Christ's body.
John 21:1-14	Jesus showed himself for the third time to his apostles.
Acts 1:9-11	Just as Jesus was taken into Heaven so shall He return.
Acts 10:40-41	Jesus was raised up and showed himself to witnesses.
I Corinthians 15:5-6	Christ was seen by five-hundred brethren at once.
I John 1:1-3	John said they handled Jesus after He was resurrected.

Latter-Day Scripture:

3 Nephi 11	The Nephites felt Jesus' resurrected body.
D& C 130:22	The Father and the Son have bodies of flesh and bones.
Joseph Smith 2:17	Joseph Smith saw God and Jesus.

15. Man cannot become a God.

Bible:

Psalm 82:6	"Ye are Gods. . . "
Matthew 5:48	"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect."
Matthew 25:21	"Well done - I will make thee ruler over many things."
John 10:34	Jesus said, "Ye are Gods."
Romans 8:14-17	Children are to become joint heirs with God and Christ.
Revelation 3:21	He that overcometh will sit with God in his throne.
Revelation 5:10	Men are to become kings and priests and reign on the earth.
Revelation 21:7-8	He that overcometh shall inherit all things.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 76:50-70	". . . They are Gods, even the sons of God."
D&C 78:15	We can be made rulers over many kingdoms.
D&C 132:19-24, 37	Those married in the temple may become Gods.

Other:

Smith, Joseph Jr. DHC, 6:302-317	Men can become Gods.
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16. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. (True, however, flesh and spirit can.

Bible:

Job 19:25-27	Job said ". . . yet in my flesh shall I see God."
Ezekiel 37:1-10	Jeremiah prophesied, dry bones shall live with sinews, flesh and skin upon them.
Matthew 27:52-53	The graves were open and many bodies of the saints arose and appeared unto people.
Luke 24:36-39	Jesus said, ". . . a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have."
Philippians 3:21	Christ will change our vile body like unto his glorious body.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 88:14-16	The spirit and body are the soul of man, and the resurrection from the dead is the redemption of the soul
Alma 11:43-45	The spirit and the body shall be reunited again in its perfect form.
Alma 40:23	"The soul shall be restored to the body and the body to the soul. . . even a hair of the head shall not be lost. . ."
Alma 41:2	". . . It is requisite that the soul of man be restored to its body. . . "

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17. The Mormons teach Adam is their God.

Bible:

Genesis 2:16-17	The Lord commanded Adam.
Genesis 3	The Lord spoke to Adam at various times in the Garden of Eden.
Genesis 5:1-3	Adam was created in the image of God.

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE GODHEAD

Luke 3:38 — Adam is the Son of God.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Moses 3:15 — The Lord placed Adam in the Garden of Eden.

D&C 128-21 — Adam is Michael, the Archangel.

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1. There was no apostasy or falling away of Christ's Church.

Bible:	
Matthew 24:23-24	False prophets shall arise and deceive even the elect.
Acts 20:29-30	"Men shall arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them."
Galatians 1:6	After the death of Christ, members of his Church began to fall away.
II Thessalonians 2:1-4	Before the Lord comes again there would be a falling away.
I Timothy 4:1-3	In the latter day some would depart from the truth.
II Timothy 3:1-7	In the last days men would have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof.
II Timothy 4:3-4	People would not endure sound doctrine.
II Peter 2:1-3	False teachers would be among the people.
II Peter 3:3-7	People would walk after their own lusts in the last days.
Revelation 2:1-5	The Church at Ephesus was in a fallen state.
Latter-Day Scripture:	
D&C 1:14-16	The day would come when the people will not hear the voice of the Lord.
I Nephi 13:24-29	The loss of parts of the Bible would cause people to stumble.
2 Nephi 28:12-14	All the people will have gone astray save it be a few.
Joseph Smith 2:19	All the churches have fallen away.

2. The Lord wouldn't allow the Church to be taken from the earth.

Bible:	
Isaiah 24:5-6	The inhabitants of the earth would transgress the laws and break the everlasting covenant.
Isaiah 60:2	Gross darkness will cover the earth and people.

Amos 8:11	The day would come when the Lord God would send a famine of hearing the words of the Lord.
Acts 3:19-21	Before the second coming there would be a restitution or restoration of all things.
Revelation 14:6-7	The gospel would be brought back to the earth by an angel of God.

3. There is no need for present-day apostles; they were only needed anciently.

Bible:

Amos 3:7	God is to reveal his secrets to his servants the prophets.
Acts 1:26	Matthias was chosen to complete the quorum of the twelve apostles.
I Corinthians 12:28	Christ established in his Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets.
Ephesians 2:19-20	The foundation of Christ's Church was on apostles and prophets.
Ephesians 4:11-14	Christ chose apostles and prophets for the perfecting of the saints and the work of the ministry.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 107:23-24, 33	The twelve are to be special witnesses unto all the world.

4. We don't need living prophets - just the Bible.

Bible:

Numbers 12:6-8	The Lord was to speak to his prophets.
Proverbs 29:18	"Where there is no vision the people perish."
Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-21	Young men are to see visions and old men to dream dreams.
Amos 3:7	The Lord will speak through his prophets.
Zechariah 13:4-6	In the last days a prophet shall ask Christ, ". . . what are these wounds in thine hands?"
Malachi 3:1-3	A messenger is to come to the Lord's temple. (See Amos 3:7)

Malachi 4:5-6	Elijah the Prophet is to come to prevent the earth's cursing.
Matthew 23:34	" . . . I send unto you prophets."
Acts 3:19-23	A prophet is to be raised up like unto Moses.
Ephesians 2:19-20	Christ's Church is to have a foundation of apostles and prophets.
Ephesians 4:11-14	Prophets are needed for the perfection of the saints.
Hebrews 13:8-12	God is the same yesterday, today and forever.
II Peter 1:19-21	Prophets are necessary to receive and interpret scripture.
Revelation 14:6-7	An angel was to bring back the gospel. (See Amos 3:7)

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 1:14	The Lord is to speak to his prophets.
D&C 58:1-13	" . . . the mouths of the prophets shall not fail."
D&C 77:15	Two prophets are promised in the last days.
D&C 133:26	The prophets of the lost tribes shall hear Christ's voice.
2 Nephi 28:29-30	People need more of God's word.
Jacob 4:8	" . . . despise not the revelations of God."
Mormon 9:7-9	God is always the same, he speaks only through his prophets.
Moroni 7:36-38	Angels and revelation are to be continued as long as man has faith.
Moroni 10:24-26	The gifts and powers of God are to be exercised by prophets.

5. It isn't necessary to have the primitive organization of the Church.

Bible:

Luke 10:1-2	Seventies were called by Jesus and sent out to teach the gospel.
Acts 1:26	Matthias took Judas' place in the quorum of twelve.
Acts 14:23	Elders were ordained in every church.
I Corinthians 12:27-31	God hath set some apostles, prophets teachers, etc.

Ephesians 2:19-21	The foundation of Christ's Church is apostles and prophets.
Ephesians 4:11-14	Apostles and prophets are needed for the perfection of the saints.
Phillippians 1:1	Bishops and deacons were needed in Paul's day.
Titus 1:7-9	A bishop must be blameless.
Hebrews 5:1	High Priests were chosen.
Hebrews 13:8	Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 20:38-60	The duties of priesthood holders, i.e. apostles, priests, teachers, etc., are given.
D&C 107:22-26	The duties of presidency, apostles and seventies are given.

6. The Church is a body of believers, not an organization.

(See No. 5. It isn't necessary to have the primitive organization of the Church.

7. Jesus was the only high priest.

Bible:

Leviticus 21:10	There were high priests among the Old Testament brethren.
Numbers 35:25	A slayer was to abide in a city of refuge until the death of the High Priest.
Mark 2:26	Abiathar was a high priest during the days of David.
Hebrews 5:1, 10	Every high priest taken from among men is ordained after the order of Melchizedek.
Hebrews 8:1-3	Every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 20:65-67	Presiding elders, high councilors and high priests are to be ordained to preside in the Church.
D&C 72:1	Who are the high priests of my Church?

D&C 107:2 (See Genesis 14:17-40, Inspired Version)	Melchizedek was a great high priest.
D&C 107:10	We have high priests after the order of the Melchizedek Priesthood.
Abraham 1:2	Abraham was a high priest.

8. The Church was built upon Peter.

Bible:

Matthew 16:17-18	The Church is founded on the rock of revelation.
Acts 4:10-12	Christ is the stone which is the head of the Church.
I Corinthians 10:4	The rock was Christ.
Ephesians 2:19-22	The Church is built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ as the chief corner stone.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 11:11, 16	The Church is built upon my rock, the gospel.
D&C 33:11-13	The Church is built upon the rock of the gospel.
D&C 50:44	I am the good shepherd, and the stone of Israel.
3 Nephi 27:8	The Church is built upon the gospel.

9. No priesthood existed in the New Testament Church.

Numbers 25:13	Aaron received the Everlasting Priesthood from God.
Mark 3:14-15	And he ordained twelve apostles to preach the gospel.
Acts 6:6-8	Priests, apostles and others were ordained.
Acts 8:19	Simon said, "Give me also this power. . ."
Acts 13:3	The prophets had fasted and prayed and laid hands on Barnabas and Saul.
Acts 14:23	Paul and Barnabas ordained elders in every church.

Hebrews 7:24 Jesus had an unchangeable priesthood.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 13:7 Brethren were ordained to the High Priesthood from the foundation of this world.

10. Authority is not necessary.

(See No. 11. The priesthood is not necessary.)

11. The priesthood is not necessary.

Bible:

Exodus 40:12-13 "Anoint Aaron that he may minister unto me . . ."

Numbers 27:18-23 Joshua received authority from Moses by laying on of hands.

Jeremiah 1:4-5 I ordained you to be a prophet.

Matthew 7:21-23 Miracles are not a sign of a person having authority.

Matthew 10:1 Christ gave his apostles power to cast out unclean spirits.

Matthew 16:19 Jesus gave the keys of the kingdom to bind on earth and heaven.

Mark 3:14-15 The twelve were ordained or given authority to preach.

Luke 9:1 Christ gave his disciples power and authority over devils.

John 15:16 Christ chose and ordained his apostles.

Acts 6:5-6 Steven and others received authority by laying on of hands.

Acts 8:18-20 Simon offered money for the power which the apostles had.

Acts 19:13-16 Certain Jews took upon themselves to use Christ's name, but an evil spirit did not recognize them and beat them up.

II Timothy 3:1-5 In the last days men shall deny the power of God.

Hebrews 1:3 Christ upholds all things by his power.

Hebrews 5:1, 4-5 Every high priest taken from men is ordained in the same manner as was Aaron.

Latter-Day Scripture:	
D&C 11:14-17	You need not suppose that you are called to preach until you are.
D&C 20:58	Deacons and teachers don't have the authority to baptize.
D&C 42:11	A man cannot preach unless he is ordained by one with authority.
D&C 84:21	The power of God is not manifest without priesthood authority.
D&C 86:10	The priesthood must remain upon the earth until all things are restored.
D&C 107:5	All offices are appendages to the priesthood.
D&C 107:18-20	The power and authority of the Melchizedek and Aaronic Priesthood are necessary to have the mysteries of heaven.
D&C 112:21	Representatives duly authorized have power to open the doors of the kingdom.
D&C 121:36-37	The rights of priesthood are inseparably connected to powers of heaven.
D&C 132:7	Priesthood is necessary to bind things in heaven.
Mosiah 18:17-18	Alma, having authority from God, ordained priests.
Mosiah 23:16-17	None received authority to preach unless Alma gave it to them from God.
3 Nephi 12:1-2	I have given power to my disciples to baptize.
Joseph Smith 2:69-72	Restoration of the priesthood is given.

12. A church isn't really necessary - just believe in Christ and you will be saved.

Bible: Matthew 16:16-19	"...upon this rock I will build my Church."
Acts 2:47	Those who were to be saved were to be added to his Church.
Acts 20:28	We are to feed the Church of God.
I Corinthians 1:2	Church of God at Corinth is mentioned.

Ephesians 2:19-22	The foundation of the Chruch is on apostles and prophets.
Ephesians 5:24	The Church is under the direction of Jesus Christ.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 20:61-65	The elders composing the "Church of Christ" are commanded to meet together in conference every three months.
D&C 115:4	"For thus shall my Church be called in the last days."
D&C 124:143-144	The offices and keys for the work of the ministry are given.
2 Nephi 9:1-2	The House of Israel is to be restored to the true Church of God.
Alma 4:4	" . . . many were baptized . . . and were joined to the Church of God.
3 Nephi 26:21	Those who were baptized were called the Church of Christ.

13. You can worship anywhere; you don't need to go to Church.

Bible:

Exodus 20:8-11	Honor the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Luke 4:16	Jesus went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as was his custom.
Acts 18:4	Paul went to the synagogue every Sabbath day.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 20:55	We are to see that the Church meet together often.
D&C 59:8-12	We are commanded to go to the Lord's house and partake of the sacrament.
Moroni 6:5	"And the church did meet together oft, to fast, and to pray."

14. All churches are good; there is no true Church.

Bible:

Matthew 16:18	Christ stated that he was to build his Church.
Acts 2:47	The Lord added to the Church those that were to be saved.

I Corinthians 14:33	God is not the author of confusion.
Ephesians 2:19-21	The foundation fo Christ's Church is apostles and prophets.
Ephesians 4:5	There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
Ephesians 4:11-14	Offices are mentioned in Christ's Church.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 1:30	This Chruch is the only true and living Church.
D&C 115:3-4	Christ's Church is to be called "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
I Nephi 4:10	There are to be two churches only - God's and the devil's
2 Nephi 28:3-14	Other churches will claim to be Christ's Church.
3 Nephi 27:1-8	Jesus' Church must be called by his name.
Joseph Smith 2:19	Joseph Smith was commanded to join none of the churches then on earth.

15. All good Christians will go to heaven.

Bible:

Matthew 7:13-14	"Straight is the gate. . .and few there be that find it."
Matthew 7:21-23	We must do the will of the Father to be saved.
Matthew 10:22	" . . . he that endureth to the end shall be saved."
John 3:5	A person must be baptized and receive the Holy Ghost.
James 2:19-20	Faith without works is dead.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 132:19-27	The qualifications for the Celestial kingdom are listed.
2 Nephi 28:27 32	"Wo be unto him that shall say: We have received enough of the word of God, and we need no more . . . "

16. All roads lead to heaven.

Bible:

Matthew 7:13-14	" . . . strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."
Mark 16:16	He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.
John 14:6	Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and no man comes to God except through Him.
Acts 4:10-12	There is only one name by which man can be saved, Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 4-5	There is only One Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 27:14	"Wo be unto him that rejecteth the word of God!"

(See scriptures for No. 14, All Good Christians will go to Heaven.)

17. We are satisfied with our own church.

Bible:

Proverbs 18:13	"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him."
Isaiah 29:13-14	People give God lip service, but their hearts are far from Him.
Matthew 7:21-23	Not everyone who says Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 16:16-19	Christ established his Church upon the Rock of revelation.
Acts 2:47	The Lord added to the Church those who were to be saved.
I Corinthians 14:33	God is not the author of confusion.
Ephesians 4:4-5	There is only one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.
I Thessalonians 5:21	A person should prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.
II Thessalonians 2:10	Some people don't have enough love of truth to be saved.

Titus 1:16	Some people's works deny they are Christians.
I John 4:1	Try every spirit because all are not of God.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 115:4	The name of Christ's Church was revealed.
2 Nephi 27:14	Wo be unto them that reject the word of God.
2 Nephi 28-27	Wo be unto him that sayeth: "We have received and need no more!"
2 Nephi 29	God has given us more than just the Bible.
Moroni 10:5	You may know the truth of all things by the Holy Ghost.
Joseph Smith 2:19	All churches were wrong in Joseph's day.

18. The authority of God is only given to certain persons, not handed down from generation to generation.

Bible:

Exodus 40:15	Aaron's priesthood was to be everlasting throughout their generations.
Numbers 25:13	Israel and his seed would have the everlasting priesthood of God.
Deuteronomy 14:2	Israel was a chosen and peculiar people above all other nations.
Joshua 18:7	The Levites received the priesthood as an inheritance.
I Peter 2:9-10	"Ye are the chosen generation, a Royal Priesthood . . ."

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 68:16-20	The descendents of Aaron have the legal rights to the Bishopric.
D&C 84:6-16, 18	Jethro, Abraham, Melchizedek, Noah, Enock, received the priesthood through the lineage of their fathers.
D&C 86:8-11	The priesthood continues through lineage.
D&C 107:41-53	The order of the priesthood is handed down by lineage.

D&C 113:8 — Zion received the priesthood by right of lineage.

D&C 121:18-21 — Apostates, those who persecute and kill the Lord's anointed, shall not have the right of the Priesthood nor their posterity after them from generation to generation.

Abraham 1:1-4, 31 — The Priesthood was handed down through the Fathers.

Abraham 1:21-27 — Pharoah was of lineage which could not hold the priesthood.

19. We have apostles, but they are called by different titles.

Bible:

Luke 6:13 — Christ chose twelve whom he named apostles.

Ephesians 2:19-20 — Christ called upon apostles in his organization.

Ephesians 4:11-14 — Christ called them apostles in his organization.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 64:39 — They who are not apostles and prophets shall be known.

20. You should have trained ministers.

Bible:

Exodus 3:11 — Moses was untrained when he was called. "Who am I that I should go?"

Amos 7:14-15 — Amos was a herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit.

Matthew 4:17-22 — Peter and Andrew were fishermen when called.

Matthew 10:3 — Matthew was a Publican.

Mark 3:14-15 — Christ ordained twelve and sent them forth to preach.

John 15:16 — "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you and ordained you . . ."

I Corinthians 1:26-27 — God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise.

Ephesians 3:7-8 — Paul became a minister through the grace of God.

Hebrews 5:4 — A person must be called as was Aaron.

21. Deacons (and elders sometimes) in the Mormon Church are boys instead of married men like the New Testament states they should be.

Bible:

I Samuel 2:18	Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 20:60	Elders, teachers, priests and deacons are to be ordained according to the gifts and callings of God.
D&C 84:28	John the Baptist was ordained at the age of eight.
D&C 107:52	Noah was ordained at the age of ten.
Mormon 1:2	Mormon was called at the age of ten.
Mormon 2:2	Mormon led the Nephite army at age sixteen.

Other:

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Smith, Pres. Joseph F. Gospel Doctrine, p. 198.	All those who have reached the age of accountability are ordained to the priesthood.
Widtsoe, John A., Priesthood & Church Government, pp. 169, 244-245.	All those approaching the age of of sixteen are being trained by their bishops.

22. There is no more revelation - the heavens are sealed.

Bible:

Proverbs 29:18	"Where there is no vision, the people perish."
Daniel 2:21-23; 47	God reveals wisdom, knowledge and secrets.
Joel 2:28-32	Sons and daughters would prophesy - dream dreams and visions.
Amos 3:7	"God will do nothing but He revealeth his secrets unto his servants the prophets."
Matthew 7:7	"Ask and it shall be given you . . ."

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE APOSTASY

Acts 2:17-18	In the last days God would pour out his spirit upon all flesh.
Acts 3:19-21	In the last days would come a "... restitution of all things," including revelation.
I Corinthians 2:9-12	God revealeth by his servants.
I Corinthians 14:1	The saints should desire the gift of prophecy.
Ephesians 1:15-17	God giveth the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.
I Thessalonians 5:19-20	Despise not prophesyings.
Hebrews 13:8	Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
James 1:5-6	"If any of ye lack wisdom let him ask of God."
James 4:2	"Ye have not because ye ask not."
II Peter 1:21	Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
Revelation 14:6-7	The gospel would be revealed to the earth by an angel of God.
Revelation 19:10	The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 8:2-3	This is the spirit of revelation.
D&C 20:35	Neither adding to nor diminishing from his book but revelations come hereafter.
D&C 43:2-7	Revelations for the Church come through the Prophet as head.
2 Nephi 28:27-30	I will give here a little, there a little; he that receiveth I will give more.
2 Nephi 29	The Bible does not contain all God's words - other nations shall write.
Jacob 4:8-10	No man can know God's way except by revelation.
Alma 26:22	By faith and prayer God will reveal things which have never been revealed.
Mosiah 8:13-18	Seer, revelator and prophet are defined.
Moroni 10:23-25	If gifts are done away, it is because of unbelief.
Joseph Smith 2:15-19	Joseph Smith sees the Father and Son.

23. Other churches and individuals can receive revelation. (True, but only for themselves)

Bible:

Numbers 12:6 Amos 3:7	God will speak through his prophets. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secrets unto his servants, the prophets."

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 28:2-7	There is only one revelator, the Prophet of God, for the Church.
D&C 35:17-18	There is to be only one revelator until God replaces him.
D&C 43:3-7	Only one man is appointed to receive revelation for the Church at a time.
3 Nephi 29:6	Wo unto him that shall deny the revelations of God.
Moroni 7:12-17	That which is good comes from God.

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE RESTORATION

1. Joseph Smith was too young to have a vision of the Father and the Son.

Bible:

I Samuel 3	Samuel was called by God to be a prophet as a young boy.
I Samuel 17:33, 42	David was thought to be too young to fight Goliath.
Job 29:4	Job was young when he received the secret from his father.
Psalms 8:2	Out of the mouth of babes the Lord works.
Proverbs 8:17	Those who seek God early shall find him.
Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17	Young men shall see visions and dream.
Luke 1:47-52	Christ was in the temple when he was twelve.
II Timothy 3:15	From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 2:4	Nephi was called while he was yet a youth.
Alma 32:23	Children confound the wise.
Mormon 1:1-2	Mormon was called when he was ten years old.

2. Joseph Smith was not a prophet.

Bible:

Numbers 12:6	If there is a prophet among you, God will make him known in a vision or dream.
Deuteronomy 18:15-20	God will have a prophet and we can know how to tell a true one from a false one.
Amos 3:7	God reveals his secrets through prophets.
Matthew 7:15-20	By their fruits ye shall know them.
John 15:16	God chooses the prophet, not us.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 3:14-15	This prophesies of Joseph Smith.
D&C 24:5	Joseph is a prophet, called to strengthen the Church.
D&C 124:125	The Lord tells that Joseph is his prophet.

3. Jesus warned us about false prophets such as Joseph Smith.

Bible:

Deuteronomy 13:1-3	The test of a prophet is if a prophet teaches a true concept of God.
Deuteronomy 18:15-22	When a prophet speaks and things follow not, he is false.
Numbers 12:6	The Lord will make known a prophet through visions and dreams.
Matthew 7:15-20	By their fruits ye shall know them.
Matthew 10:41	If a prophet received truthfully, you will receive a prophet's reward.
Mark 6:4	A prophet is not without honor except in his own country.
Luke 6:43-45	By their fruits you shall know them.
I John 4:1-3	Try the spirit. A prophet will testify of Christ.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 3:14-15	The Book of Mormon prophesies of Joseph Smith.
Jacob 4:6	Search the prophets.
D&C 64:39	Liars, hypocrites and false prophets are to be made known.
D&C 87:all	A prophecy of Joseph Smith that can be tested is a prophecy on war.

4. Joseph Smith was a sinner.

Bible:

Ecclesiastes 7:20	There is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good and sinneth not.
Luke 6:43-45	By their fruits you shall know them.
John 8:7	Let him without sin cast the first stone.

John 15:16	Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.
Romans 3:23	All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
I John 1:8-10	We deceive ourselves if we say we have no sin.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 3:4-10	The Lord chastized Joseph but said he was still chosen.
D&C 109:34	All have sinned.
D&C 135:2-3	Joseph Smith is praised.

5. Joseph Smith is not mentioned in the Bible.

Bible:

Numbers 12:6	If there be a prophet, the Lord will speak to him.
Isaiah 29:10-18	A marvelous work and a wonder will come forth through a prophet.
Daniel 2:25:45	The Kingdom of God will be established in the latter days.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 3:14-15	This prophesies concerning Joseph Smith.

6. How can I tell if a prophet is of God?

Bible:

Deuteronomy 18:15-22	If a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord and it comes true, he is a prophet.
Numbers 12:6	The Lord will identify prophets with visions and dreams.
Jeremiah 5:31	True prophets would not prophesy falsely.
Ezekiel 13:9	The hand of the Lord shall be upon his prophet.
Matthew 7:15-20 Luke 6:43-45	By their fruits ye shall know them.
John 7:16-17	If any man will do his will, he shall know.

James 1:5-6	Ask and it shall be given; seek and ye shall find.
Revelation 19:10	If a man has a testimony of Christ, he has the spirit of prophecy.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 12:1-7	A prophet is to speak to the people about things inspired of the Lord.
D&C 52:16	He speaks with contrite spirit, meek language and edifieth.
D&C 58:8	Mouths of prophets shall not fail.
D&C 64:39	Prophets and apostles that are liars shall be known.
D&C 87	Joseph Smith prophesied concerning wars.

7. Why did Joseph Smith's close associates testify against him?

Bible:

Matthew 24:10	Many will betray and hate one another.
Matthew 26:69-75	Peter denied Christ.
Mark 14:43-45	Christ was betrayed by Judas.
Luke 4:24; John 4:44	A prophet is without honor in his own country.
Luke 21:16-17	You shall be betrayed for my name's sake.
Luke 22:21	Christ was betrayed by Judas.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 2:11-16	It is part of the plan to have opposition in all things.
D&C 3:12; 10:7	Martin Harris became a wicked man and later left the Church.
Joseph Smith 2:20-28, 33	Joseph Smith explains how he was persecuted and that his name was to be known for good and evil.

8. The true Church wouldn't have apostate groups leave it.

Bible:

Matthew 24:10	Many shall come in my name and deceive many.
Acts 20:29-30	Also of your own selves shall men arise and deceive many.

I Corinthians 1:12-14	Even at the time of Christ, people were breaking off from Christ's Church.
Galatians 1:6-9	People were soon removed from the Church of Christ.
I Timothy 4:1-3	Some shall depart from the faith.
II Timothy 3:1-5	In the last days there will be perilous times and people will turn from God.
II Timothy 4:3-4	Some shall not endure sound doctrine.
II Peter 2:1-2	There shall arise false teachers among you.
I John 2:18-19	Apostate groups left the New Testament Church.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 13:24-29	Apostasy of the New Testament Church was predicated.
I Nephi 22:21-23	Apostate churches will not endure.
2 Nephi 26:19-22	Many churches will be built up.
2 Nephi 28:3-16	Churches of the latter days mentioned.
3 Nephi 14:15	Beware of false prophets.
Mormon 8:27-41	Churches of the latter days are described.
Ether 4:1-3	An apostasy is predicted.
Joseph Smith 1:5-10	Many shall come in my name and deceive many.

Other:

McConkie, Oscar W., Kingdom of God., p. 163.

9. Joseph Smith borrowed from the Bible.

Bible:

Matthew 4:4	Man should live by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God.
II Timothy 3:16-17	All scripture profitable for the use of man.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 29:7-8	God will speak the same words to one nation as he will to another.

2 Nephi 29:10-13	God will speak to both the Jew and Gentile nations.

10. The name of the church doesn't make any difference.

Bible:

Acts 4:12	No other name than that of Christ is given under Heaven.

Latter-Day Scripture:

3 Nephi 26:17-21	Those who are baptized are called the Church of Christ.
3 Nephi 27:1-8	The Church is to have no other name.
D&C 115:4-5	The name of the Church was given by revelation.
Moses 6:52	Christ's name is the only name by which we can be saved.

11. Your Church is too small to be the true Church.

Bible:

Deuteronomy 7:6-7	The Lord did not call you because you were more in number.
Daniel 2:44-45	A stone started small and grew.
Matthew 7:13-14	Only a few will be on the strait and narrow.
Matthew 9:37	The harvest is plentiful, but laborers few.
Matthew 20:16; 22:14	Many are called, but few chosen.
Luke 13:24	Many are not able to enter at the strait gate.
I Peter 3:18-20	Only a few (8) were saved in the days of Noah.

Latter-Day Scripture:

1 Nephi 14:11-12	The Church is small because of the wickedness of the people.
2 Nephi 28:13-14	All have gone astray save it be a few.

12. "In my Father's house are many mansions." Christ was referring to the many churches that represent Him, not kingdoms of glory.

Bible:

Nehemiah 9:6	Heaven, is the heaven of heavens.
Matthew 12:25	A house divided against itself cannot stand.
John 14:1-3	Christ was going to prepare a place.
Acts 19:1-6	Paul rebaptizes people because of improper baptism.
I Corinthians 15:40-42	Mansions are referred to as different degrees in the resurrection.
Ephesians 4:5	There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.
II Corinthians 12:1-4	Paul speaks of a third heaven.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Ether 12:32-35	Explanation of the mansions of heaven is given.
D&C 76:all	The degrees of glory are explained.
D&C 88:37	There is no space where there is no kingdom.

13. The courts have declared the "Reorganized Church" to be the successor to the Church.

"In 1893, the "Reorganized Church" entered suit against the Hedrickites for possession of the temple site on the ground of being the organization in true succession to the original church founded by Joseph Smith. John F. Phillips, judge of the United States circuit court for the western district of Missouri, before whom the case was tried, rendered a decision in favor of the "Reorganized Church."'1 This decision was later reversed, but the Reorganized Church continued to be recognized by the courts.

1 Roberts, B. H., Comprehensive History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, (Salt Lake City. 1930), 2:442.

But what the courts of law say, and what the Lord has said, are not always the same. In Isaiah 55:8-9 we read, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

After the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith, there was much conflict over who should succeed to the presidency of the Church. Men claimed to receive revelation, and they began to form apostate groups. In the Doctrine and Covenants 43:2-7, the Lord tells us that such men would not be given such revelation. For all laws concerning His church must be given to him who is anointed to receive revelation. These apostate men were self-appointed and thus had no real power.

In the Doctrine & Covenants 107:22-26, the Lord revealed the order of succession. After the first presidency come the twelve apostles, "And they form a quorum, equal in authority and power to the three presidents previously mentioned." At this time Brigham Young said, "We did not care who presided over the Church, but one thing, he would have to know and that was what the Lord said about it. On the 8th of August 1884, a special meeting was called. While speaking that afternoon, Brigham Young was transfigured and appeared to the people as Joseph Smith. It was a manifestation that the Saints might recognize correct authority. Later in the afternoon, President Young presented to the people the question of supporting the apostles as the presiding quorum of the church. The saints voted unanimously in agreement of supporting the quorum.

In Deuteronomy 18:18-22, the Lord tells us how to test a prophet. "When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him." It was at this meeting that Brigham Young made the prophecy, "All that want to draw away a party from the Church after them, let them do it if they can but they will not prosper." The truthfulness of this prophecy can certainly be seen today. Most of the apostate groups have disappeared and those that have remained have made no significant progress.

In the Doctrine & Covenants 20:65, "No person is to be ordained to any office in this Church, where there is a regularly organized branch of the same, without the vote of that church." At a general conference of the Church held December 24 to 27, 1847, on the Iowa side of the Missouri River, Brigham Young was unanimously sustained by the vote of the Saints as the president of the Church. Thus we can see that the passage of authority was done in strict compliance of the Lord's commandments.

Many of these apostate groups claim that the Church was a fallen church, and that Joseph Smith was a fallen prophet. This argument is easily discredited when one reads Daniel 2:44. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." The gospel has been restored and no force on this earth can cause it to fall or be removed.

A final testimony to the truthfulness of the Church is Doctrine & Covenants 115:4, "For thus shall my church be called in the last days, even the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, not the Reorganized Church, the Church of Christ, or the Whitmerites; but rather the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints."

The question is whether we will take our religious guidance from a disinterested court of humans like ourselves or from our loving, all wise and powerful Father in Heaven.

14. If the L.D.S. Church still receives revelations, why aren't they added to the Doctrine and Covenants?

Bible:

John 21:25	Many other things Jesus did which, if they were to be written, the world itself could not contain them.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 68:3-4	Not all scripture has to be written.

D&C 72:20-22	Other publications may contain revelations.
D&C 58:26-29	It is not meet to be commanded in all things.
3 Nephi 26:6-12	The Lord will try the faith of his people by not writing all things.

Other:

Lyon, T. Edgar, Introduction of the Doctrine & Covenants & the Pearl of Great Price, pp. 47-48.

Smith, Joseph Fielding, Answers to Gospel Questions, 2:202-205.

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONCERNING B of M

1. Why doesn't the Bible speak of the Book of Mormon?

Bible:

Genesis 48:16, 19-20	Ephraim is to be a multitude of nations.
Genesis 49:22-26	Joseph's descendants will cross the oceans to the utmost bounds.
Psalms 85:11	Truth springs out of the ground.
Ezekiel 37:15-21	Sticks of Judah and Joseph are spoken about.
Isaiah 29:11-14	Charles Anthon incident is contained in the Bible.
Isaiah 29:18	The deaf shall hear the words of a book.
Hosea 11:9-10	The children will roar from the West (Americas) - Ephraim's children.
John 20:14-16	I have other sheep.
II Corinthians 13:1	All things will be established by two witnesses.
Revelation 14:6-7	I saw another angel having the everlasting gospel.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 29:3-14	God speaks to more nations than one.
3 Nephi 16:1-10	Christ will speak to all nations.

2. The Bible is complete and no scripture should be added. (This statement has reference to Revelation 22:18-19. People claim this refers to the Bible; however, there was no Bible as such. Therefore, it could only have reference to the Book of Revelation.)

Bible:

Deuteronomy 4:2	We must discard everything after Deuteronomy if we are to take it literally.
Isaiah 29:2-4	Another book hath a familiar spirit.
Ezekiel 37:15-23	Another book is to come forth.
Amos 3:7	Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he reveal his secrets through his prophets.
John 10:15-16	Other sheep I have and they shall hear my voice.

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Revelation 14:6-7	An angel will bring the gospel back.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 13:23-29	The world has changed the Bible. We must have clarification.
2 Nephi 27:6-9	God shall bring forth a new book which shall be delivered to a man.
2 Nephi 27:14	God will bring forth His words.
2 Nephi 29:9-10	God shall continue to speak to nations.
2 Nephi 29:9-12	The Bible does not contain all of God's word.
2 Nephi 29:11-13	Three separate records of God's children will come forth.
Helaman 3:15	Many books have been written of every kind.
3 Nephi 16	Other tribes are to hear God and write revelations.
3 Nephi 23:1-4	The Savior commands that omissions recorded be added for they are important.
D&C 68:3-4	When one is moved by the Holy Ghost and speaks, he speaks scripture.

3. Why do Mormons have a different Bible?

Bible:

Psalms 85:10-11	The truth shall spring out of the earth.
Ezekiel 37:16-19	Two sticks will become one in thy hand.
Matthew 4:4	Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God.
Matthew 18:15-16	Two or three witnesses establish the truth.
John 21:25	Only part of the life of Jesus is contained in the Bible.
II Corinthians 13:1	Two or three witnesses establish the truth.
Revelation 14:6-7	John saw another angel with the gospel which is to be preached.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 13:2-29	This tells what the world has done to the Bible.

2 Nephi 29:3-10	The Book of Mormon is a second witness for Christ.
2 Nephi 29:6-18	God speaks to many nations and they have written many records.
2 Nephi 30:3	Remnant of the House of Israel are to distribute the book.
D&C 35:20	The Lord speaks through prophets today and it's considered scripture.
Article of Faith No. 8	The Bible is not translated correctly.

4. Much of the Book of Mormon is copied from the Bible.

Bible:

Ezekiel 37:15-17	The Bible and Book of Mormon are to be as one.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 1:15-17	Records are inspired through revelation.
I Nephi 5:11-13	Contents of the Brass Plates concerned Bible history.
2 Nephi 3:12	The Bible and Book of Mormon are to be as one.
2 Nephi 11:2	Nephi explains why he quotes from Isaiah.
2 Nephi 29:9-10	The Bible does not contain all of God's word.
3 Nephi 26:6-12	The Book of Mormon is only a hundredth part of what Jesus taught.

5. Joseph Smith cleverly wrote the Book of Mormon; he wasn't inspired to translate it.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 1:29	Joseph translated through the mercy of God.
D&C 10:1-2	Joseph had power to translate.
D&C 10:15-19	Joseph was again given power to translate.
D&C 17:6	He translated the book by the power of God.
D&C 20:8	Joseph received power to translate from on high.
D&C 135:3	He translated by the power of God.

Front of the Book of Mormon	The eleven witnesses testified that Joseph translated the Book of Mormon.

6. The Book of Mormon came from the Solomon Spaulding manuscript.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Moroni 10:4-5	The Holy Ghost will teach us the truth of all things.
Joseph Smith 2:34-35	The gold plates were delivered unto Joseph Smith.

Other:

Americanna Encyclopedia, 4:232-33

Kirkham, Francis W., New Witness for Christ in America, 1:299-308; 2:217-218.

McConkie, Bruce R., Mormon Doctrine, pp. 92-94.

Sperry, Sidney B., Problems of the Book of Mormon, pp. 167-169.

Talmage, James E., Articles of Faith, pp. 501-503.

Roberts, B. H., A Comprehensive History of the Church, 1:238-240.

7. Someone else wrote the Book of Mormon; that is, someone like Sidney Rigdon or Oliver Cowdery.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Front of the Book of Mormon	Testimony of witnesses is given.
2 Nephi 3:11-15	The Book of Mormon prophesies of Joseph Smith.
D&C 5:2-13	Joseph was the chosen one.
D&C 9	Oliver tried to translate but failed.
Joseph Smith 2:67	Joseph began to translate with Oliver Cowdery as scribe.

Other:

Kirkham, Francis W., New Witness for Christ in America, 1:309-336.

The Sesqui-Centennial Times; Friendship, N.Y., July 25-31, 1965, pp.2-3. This article by Sidney Rigdon's son says Sidney Rigdon had nothing to do with the Book of Mormon publication.

8. If Lehi were a prophet of God, why isn't he mentioned in the Bible?

Bible:

Jeremiah 44:4-6	The Lord sent many prophets to cry repentance to Jerusalem.
Matthew 23:34-37	Prophets were to be sent.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 1:19-20	Jews mocked Lehi and sought to take his life; they did not accept him as a prophet.
I Nephi 13:26-29	Writers and translators of the Bible could have taken such things out of the Bible.
2 Nephi 29:10	The Bible does not contain all my words.
Enos 22:all	God has had more than one prophet at a time.

9. Where are the gold plates?

Latter-Day Scriptures:

Preface to the Book of Mormon	"I (Joseph Smith) delivered them up to him (Moroni); and he has them in his charge until this day, being May 2nd 1838."
2 Nephi 27:22	They are sealed unto God.
Joseph Smith 2:60	Moroni called for them and has them until this day, being May 2nd 1838.
Smith, Lucy, History of Joseph Smith, p. 155.	Joseph gave the plates unto God.
Smith, Joseph Fielding, Doctrines of Salvation, 3:215-226.	Gold plates where returned to the messenger.

10. If the witnesses of the Book of Mormon saw the gold plates, why did they leave the Church?

Bible:

Matthew 7:21	Not everyone that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter into thy kingdom.
Mark 14:38	The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 10:7	Martin Harris was reproved as a wicked man.
D&C 19:20	Martin Harris was told to repent by the Lord.

Other:

Roberts, B.H., Comprehensive History of the Church, 1:156.	They fell into error.
Smith, Joseph, History of the Church, 3:16-20.	The witnesses fell into error.

11. The Bible says Jesus was born in Bethlehem (city), but the Book of Mormon says Jesus was born in Jerusalem (city).

Bible:

Matthew 2:4-5	Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea.
Luke 2:4-7	Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 7:10	It was prophesied that Jesus was to be born in the land of Jerusalem, not the city of Jerusalem.

Other:

Sperry, Sidney B., Problems of the Book of Mormon, pp. 131-136.

12. The "other sheep" referred to in John 10:14 are the Gentiles.

Bible:

Matthew 10:5-6	The apostles were sent to Israel and not to the Samaritans or Gentiles.
Matthew 15:24	I am sent but to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.
John 11:51-52	Jesus was sent to the House of Israel.

Latter-Day Scripture:

3 Nephi 15:15-24	Christ told the Nephites that they were the other sheep.
3 Nephi 17:4	Jesus went to the lost tribes of Israel.
D&C 10:59-60	Jesus says the other sheep were a branch of Jacob.

13. Since the original 1830 edition, there have been over 3,000 changes made in the Book of Mormon.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Title page of Book of Mormon	If there are faults, they are the mistakes of men; wherefore condemn not the things of God.
Back of Book of Mormon Title page	An explanation concerning editions and development of verses, chapters, references, etc., is given.
Mormon 9:32-37	Mormon said, "Condemn me not because of mine imperfection . . . "

Other:

Kirkham, Francis W., New Witness of Christ in America, New Enlarged Third Edition, pp. 207-227.

Millenial Star, 14:86-87.

Smith, Joseph Fielding, Answers to Gospel Questions, 2:46.

Sperry, Sidney B., Problems of the Book of Mormon, pp. 184-185, 197-198.

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE FIRST PRINCIPLES OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

1. All I need is a sincere belief in Christ to be saved.

Bible:

Matthew 7:19-21	Not everyone that says "Lord, Lord," will be saved.
Matthew 15:8-9	Jesus said, "In vain do they worship me."
Matthew 24:25	The Lord demands righteousness, not just belief.
Matthew 27:5	The Jews were very sincere when they killed Christ.
John 16:2-4	Christ said, ". . . the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service."
Acts 26:9-12	Paul was very sincere when he fought against the Church.
Romans 10:1-4	A zeal for righteousness does not necessarily lead a man to the knowledge of Christ.
James 2:19-26	The devils believe in Christ and tremble.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 31:15-21	A man must endure to the end by following Christ's example.
Mosiah 4:25-30	A man must have pure thoughts, clean words, great and righteous deeds and obedience to all of the commandments to be saved.
Alma 32:17-43	To save a man, faith has to be nourished and fed until it becomes pure knowledge.
D&C 9:5-10	Oliver Cowdery found he had to work; faith was not enough.
D&C 18:42-44	Baptism and the Holy Ghost are necessary to be saved in God's kingdom.
D&C 98:11-22	Man is to be tried even unto death as a test of his faith.
D&C 121:1-15 and 122:all	Joseph Smith Jr. was required to suffer pain and die.

2. Salvation is by faith and not by works. (See Romans 11:6; Ephesians 2:8-9)

Bible:

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14	God shall bring every work into judgment . . . keeping the commandments is man's duty.
Matthew 7:15-27	By man's works they shall be known.
Matthew 16:27	Jesus will reward everyone according to their works.
Matthew 25:14-46	We must serve our fellowmen.
Romans 2:13	Doers of the law are justified.
Philippians 2:12	Man is to work out his own salvation.
James 1:22	James said, "Be doers and not hearers only . . . "
James 2:14-26	What does it profit a man if he have faith without works.
Revelation 20:12	The dead are to be judged according to their works.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 15:32	Men are judged by their works in the temporal things.
Alma 9:28	Men shall be rewarded according to their works.
D&C 6:3	Man is to cast in the sickle, harvest and treasure salvation to be saved.
D&C 11:3	The field is white already to harvest and those who reap are promised salvation.
D&C 18:38	By man's desires and works ye shall know them.
D&C 19:3	The Lord will judge every man according to his works and deeds.
D&C 76:111	People are to be judged and rewarded according to their deeds.
D&C 112:34	Man is to be judged by his works.

3. Mankind is saved by grace, not by works. (This is true to an extent; i.e., resurrection is a grace.)

Bible:

Psalms 62:12	The Lord rewards every man according to his works.
Proverbs 16:3	Solomon said, "Commit thy works to the Lord and thy thoughts will be established."
Proverbs 24:12	The Lord renders to every man according to his works.
Ecclesiastes 12:14	God will judge the works of his children.
Matthew 7:21	Not everyone saying Lord, Lord, will see his kingdom.
Matthew 7:24-27	A house built upon rock will not fall.
Matthew 16:27	The Son of Man is to reward every man according to his works.
Matthew 24:13	Endure to the end and be saved.
John 14:21	If ye love Him, keep the commandments.
Romans 2:5-7, 13	Judgment is rendered for work.
Philippians 2:12	Work out your own salvation.
James 1:22-26	Works as well as faith is important.
James 2:14-26	Faith without works is dead.
James 4:17	Sin is to know good and not do it.
I John 2:3-4	A liar is one who says he loves God and keeps not his commandments.
Revelation 20:12-13	Men are resurrected according to their works.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 10:20-21	No unclean thing can dwell with God.
I Nephi 15:33	Men are judged by their works.
2 Nephi 25:23	We are saved by grace after all we can do.
2 Nephi 29:11	Men are judged by their works.
Alma 9:28	Men shall reap a reward of their works.
Alma 11:37-45	We can't be saved in sins.
Alma 41:3-5	Judgment of God is according to works.
D&C 19:3	People are judged by their works.

D&C 76:111	People are judged by their works.
D&C 112:34	Judgment of God is given according to one's works.
D&C 130:20-21	There are laws upon which blessings are predicated.

4. Repentance isn't necessary for salvation (exaltation).

Bible:

Ezekiel 3:12-21	The wicked must repent.
Ezekiel 14:6	The Lord says repent and turn from idols.
Ezekiel 18:30-31	Repentance is stressed.
Isaiah 1:13-20	Sins as scarlet can be white as snow.
Jonah 3	Ninevah was ripe with evil.
Matthew 3:1-6	Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Matthew 4:17	Jesus preached repentance to the people.
Mark 1:15	Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Luke 3:3	Jesus preached baptism and repentance for remission of sins.
Luke 13:3	We must repent or perish.
Luke 15:7	Repentance brings joy.
Acts 2:38	One must repent to receive the Holy Ghost.
II Corinthians 7:8-10	Godly sorrow brings repentance.
II Peter 3:9	All should repent.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 9:23-24	One must repent or be damned.
2 Nephi 28:20-24	Repent and be saved from misery.
2 Nephi 30:2	Covenant people become such by repenting.
Mosiah 3:12	Repent and be saved.
Alma 34:32-35	Don't procrastinate repentance.
Alma 42:22	Broken laws have a punishment affixed.
Helaman 12:2	You repent and remember God in times of prosperity.
3 Nephi 9:22	"Repent and come unto me," were the words of Jesus.

3 Nephi 27:19-20	The Lord calls all men to repent.
D&C 5:19-20	If people repent, the earth is not wasted.
D&C 18:24	Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand.
D&C 19:15-20	People suffer when they don't repent.
D&C 20:29	Men must repent and believe Jesus in order to be happy.
D&C 29:42	Angels declare repentance to all people.
Moses 6:57	Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand.

5. Repentance is only between God and me.

Bible:

I Kings 8:47	Confess your sins to your fellowmen.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Mosiah 26:29	You must confess before God and man.
D&C 42:88-92	If you offend your brother, go to him.
D&C 58:42-43	Your confession is necessary.
D&C 64:8-12	You must confess before the church.

6. The Lord accepts death-bed repentance. (See Luke 24:39-43)

Bible:

Genesis 7-10; Matthew 24:all	God destroyed the earth first by water and he'll destroy it again by fire.
Matthew 7:13-24	Only a few will be saved.
Matthew 10:1-15	The unrepentant will be worse off than Sodom and Gomorrah.
Matthew 25:1-13	The five foolish virgins were unprepared for the Master's coming.
Luke 13:18-30	Very few people will be saved.
Luke 16:19-31	The rich man couldn't repent after death.
Galatians 6:7-8	A person reaps what he sows.
Hebrews 4:4-13	Many people cannot enter the kingdom of God because of unbelief.
James 4:17	Knowing good and then not doing it is a sin.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 2:21	Repent while you're still in the flesh.
Alma 34:31-35	Do not procrastinate the day of your repentance.
D&C 45:2	Repent before you die.
D&C 84:57-58	You are condemned until you repent of your sins

7. I don't believe baptism is necessary.

Bible:

Matthew 3:1-12	John the Baptist preached baptism and repentance.
Matthew 3:13-17	Christ had to be baptized.
Matthew 28:19-20	Jesus commanded his apostles, saying, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them . . . "
Mark 1:4	Baptism is for the remission of sins.
Mark 1:7-11	Christ was baptized by John.
Mark 16:15-16	He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
Luke 7:29-30	The Pharisees and lawyers rejected God's counsel and were not baptized.
John 1:26	John the Baptist was baptized with water.
John 3:3-5	Christ told Nicodemus that he had to be born of water and of the spirit.
John 3:22	Christ tarried in Judea and baptized them.
John 3:26	Christ baptized those who came unto him.
John 4:1-3	Christ baptized his disciples.
Acts 2:37-38	Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins.
Acts 10:46-48	Peter commanded the people to be baptized.
Acts 22:16	Arise and be baptized for the remission of sins.
Romans 6:3-5	Baptism is like a burial and resurrection.

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Galatians 3:26-27	After baptism, we take upon ourselves Christ's name.
Ephesians 4:5	There is one faith, one Lord, and one baptism.
Colossians 2:12	Baptism is like a burial and resurrection.
I Peter 3:21	Through baptism we can be saved.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 10:9	The Messiah was baptized with water.
2 Nephi 31:5-17	The Holy One of Israel commandeth all to be baptized.
2 Nephi 31:5-17	Christ was baptized to set the example, and we must follow that example to reach the kingdom of God.
Alma 7:14 and Mosiah 27: 25-27	We must be born again to inherit the kingdom of God.
Alma 9:27	Christ came to redeem those who will be baptized.
Mosiah 18:8-17	Baptism is the sign of the covenant we make with the Lord.
3 Nephi 11:33-34	Those that believe in Christ and are baptized shall be saved; the others shall be damned.
3 Nephi 11:21-28	Jesus gave instructions on how we should be baptized.
3 Nephi 21:6	Baptism gives us membership in the house of Israel.
3 Nephi 27-20	Baptism is necessary to remove your sins.
Ether 4:18	Those who are not baptized will be damned.
Moroni 8:25	Baptism fulfills the commandments.
D&C 18:22	As many as are baptized in my name and endure to the end, shall be saved.
D&C 18:42	After arriving at the age of accountability, all men, women, and children must be baptized.
D&C 20:37	You are baptized to receive membership in the church.

D&C 39:19-24	Baptism prepares us for the future.
D&C 68:9	A person will be damned if he is not baptized.
D&C 84:74	Those who refuse baptism shall be damned.
D&C 76:50-53	Baptism is necessary to come forth in the first resurrection.
D&C 112:29	If you are not baptized, you are damned; he that believeth and is baptized is saved.
Moses 6:51-68	Repent of all thy transgressions and be baptized.
Moses 7:10-11	Enoch received the commandment to preach baptism and repentance.
Moses 8:23-24	Noah preached baptism and repentance.

8. It isn't possible to know if you're forgiven of your sins.

Bible:

Psalms 130:4	There is forgiveness with God.
Isaiah 33:24	People are forgiven when they repent.
Matthew 9:2	The palsied man's sins were forgiven because of faith.
Matthew 12:30-32	All sins will be forgiven except those against the Holy Ghost.
Mark 2:7-10	Sins are forgiven through repentance.
Luke 7:41-48	Jesus forgave a woman taken in sin.
Acts 2:37-38	We are forgiven our sins through baptism and repentance.
Acts 3:19	Repent and your sins will be blotted out.
I John 1:9	If we confess our sins, God forgives.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Enos 1:5	The Lord forgave Enos of his sins.
Mosiah 26:29-30	The Lord will forgive those that repent.
Alma 12:34	The repentant are forgiven of their sins and will enter in the Lord's rest.
Alma 36:1-28	Alma knew his sins were forgiven because of his conscience.

Ether 3:19	He had faith no longer.
Moroni 6:8	We are forgiven if we repent with real intent.
D&C 1:32-33; 58:42	If you repent and do the commandments, the Lord will forgive you.
D&C 61:2	Confess your sins with a humble heart and your sins will be forgiven.
D&C 62:3	You are blessed with a testimony.
D&C 64:8-11; 84:61	God will forgive us if we forgive others.

9. Why don't you accept baptism of other churches?

Bible:

Matthew 3:16-17	Jesus, when He was baptized, came up out of the water.
Matthew 28:19-20	You must be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
John 3:3-5, 23	A man must be baptized with water and of the spirit to enter the kingdom of heaven.
Acts 8:38-39	When Philip baptized the eunuch, they both went into the water.
Acts 19:1-8	Paul bestowed the Holy Ghost upon the baptized Corinthians.
Romans 6:1-10	Baptism is likened unto death, burial, and resurrection.
Ephesians 4:4-6	There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.
Colossians 2:12	We are buried with him in baptism.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 13	The authority to baptize was restored by John the Baptist to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery.
D&C 20:37-38; 71-73	Jesus gave the instructions concerning baptism.
D&C 22:1-4	If a person is baptized one hundred times, it availeth him nothing without repentance and the proper authority.

D&C 39:6	Christ commands that a person must be baptized by water and fire.
D&C 76:51-53	We need to be baptized in the same manner as Christ was.
D&C 107:20	The Aaronic Priesthood has the authority to baptize.
3 Nephi 11:22-25	Christ gave the manner in which a person should be baptized to the Nephites.
Moroni 6:1-4	Moroni tells the mode of baptism.

Other:

Appendix No.2	Baptismal Covenant

10. Anyone can baptize.

Bible:

Matthew 7:21-23	Authority is necessary to baptize people.
Matthew 10:1-2; 15:16	Christ's apostles were given authority to baptize.
Acts 19:1-6	Paul had the authority to re-baptize.
Hebrews 5:4-5	The authority to baptize must come from God.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Mosiah 21:33	There should be no baptism without the proper authority.
3 Nephi 11:21-25	Christ showed the way to do baptisms.
3 Nephi 12:1	The apostles were given the authority to baptize.
D&C 13	The Aaronic Priesthood has the authority to baptize.
D&C 18:29	Modern apostles were ordained so they can baptize.
D&C 20:71-77	The authority to baptize comes from Jesus Christ.
D&C 22:1-4	The old covenants were taken away; new ones were given concerning baptism.
D&C 42:11	Not just anyone can baptize, only those who are ordained by someone having authority.

D&C 107:20 — The Aaronic Priesthood holds the keys of baptism.

11. Is sprinkling really wrong? It doesn't matter how you're baptized. (See Ezekiel 36:25-26)

Bible:

Matthew 3:13-16	When Christ was baptized he came straightway out of the water.
Mark 1:9-11	Christ came straightway out of the water when he was baptized.
John 3:3-5, 23	John baptized in Aenon because much water was there.
Acts 8:38-39	While standing in the water, Philip baptized the eunuch.
Romans 6:2-7	Baptism is like a burial and resurrection.
Ephesians 4:5	There is just one baptism.
Colossians 2:12	We are buried with him in baptism.

Latter-Day Scripture:

3 Nephi 11:22-26	Jesus said to baptize by immersion.
D&C 20:74	The person being baptized shall be immersed with water.
D&C 76:51	When baptized, we are buried in the water.
Moses 6:58-60	We are born of water through baptism.
Moses 6:64-66	Adam laid under the water when he was baptized.

12. Children are born in sin. Why don't you baptize them?

Bible:

Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:14	Christ blesses the little children.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 18:42	Baptize the children who have arrived at the years of accountability.
D&C 20:70-72	Children cannot be baptized until they reach the age of accountability.
D&C 68:25-27	Baptize the children at eight years of age.

D&C 74:7	Little children are sanctified by the atonement of Christ.
D&C 93:38	Men are innocent in infant stage.
Moroni 8:8-24	Infants need not be baptized.
Moses 6:54-55	The children are pure, but they are conceived into a sinful world.

Other:

McConkie, Bruce R., Mormon Doctrine, New Ed., pp. 379-380.

Smith, Joseph Fielding, Doctrine of Salvation, 2:49-57.

13. Why do you baptize for the dead?

Bible:

I Corinthians 15:19	If in this life we only have faith in Christ, we don't understand Christ.
I Corinthians 15:29	Baptism is for the dead so that they will be able to rise gloriously.
I Peter 3:18-20	Christ suffered for the repentant sinners and preached in the spirit prison.
I Peter 4:6	The gospel is taught to them that are dead that they may be judged according to men in the flesh.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 124:39	Baptism for the dead is done in the temples.
D&C 128	Baptism for the dead is needed.

Other:

Smith, Joseph Fielding, Jr., Doctrines of Salvation, 2:100-196.

14. We are not capable of understanding the scriptures.

Bible:

Job 32:8	There is a spirit in man and the Almighty giveth understanding to him.
Matthew 7:6-7	Christ said, "Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find."

Luke 1:70	Jesus spake by the mouth of his holy prophets.
John 5:39	We must search the scriptures.
John 14:26	The Comforter will teach you the truth of all things.
I Corinthians 2:9-10	The spirit teacheth all things.
Philippians 3:15	What we don't understand, God will reveal to us.
II Timothy 3:16-17	All scripture is given by inspiration and is profitable.
James 1:5-6	Ask and it shall be given unto you.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Moroni 10:4-5	The power of the Holy Ghost will give truth of all things.
D&C 50:12	Man should reason with man and God.
D&C 91:4	Whoso readeth, let him understand what he reads.

15. The good people of all faiths have a right to the gifts of the Spirit and not just Mormons.

Bible:

Matthew 7:21-23	Not all who say Lord, Lord, will be saved.
Acts 2:37-38	The gifts follow the first principles of the gospel.
Acts 8:11-20	Simon is cursed because he thought he could purchase the gifts of the Spirit with money.
I Corinthians 12:7-11	Various gifts are listed.
Galatians 5:22-23	Various gifts are listed.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 31:12	All men can receive the gift of the Holy Ghost by being baptized.
Moroni 10:18-19	Everyone can have the gifts of the Spirit if they believe in God.
D&C 46:11-33	Various gifts are listed.

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16. How can the Holy Ghost, being a personage of spirit, be with everyone as a constant companion and dwell in them?

Bible:

Psalms 51:11	David asked, "Don't take the spirit of God from me."
Isaiah 63:10	Non-believers cannot have the Holy Ghost.
John 15:26	The Comforter is sent from the Father.
John 16:13	The spirit of truth will be with you.
Acts 2:4	Many were filled with the Holy Ghost.
Acts 7:55-56	Stephen was filled with the Holy Ghost.
Acts 4:8	Peter was filled with the Holy Ghost.
Acts 5:32	The Holy Ghost is a witness given by God.
Acts 4:31	Many were filled with the Holy Ghost.
Acts 8:12-17	Many received the Holy Ghost.
Acts 19:1-7	The saints received the Holy Ghost from Paul.
I Corinthians 12:1-11	Various gifts of the Spirit are given (speak with power of the Holy Ghost.)
II Peter 1:20-21	Scripture is interpreted by the Holy Ghost.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 10:17	Lehi received the Holy Ghost.
Helaman 5:45	The Spirit can dwell within you.
3 Nephi 12:6	The righeous shall receive the Holy Ghost.
3 Nephi 19:13-22	The Nephites were filled with the Holy Ghost.
Moroni 10:5	The Holy Ghost gives knowledge of all things.
D&C 8:2-3	The Lord shall make known in your heart truth from the Holy Ghost.
D&C 20:26	The prophets were inspired to speak by the Holy Ghost.
D&C 39:6	We must receive baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, even the Comforter.
D&C 46:13-29	To some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know Christ.

D&C 76:50-53	We must be buried in the water in his name to receive the Holy Ghost.
D&C 121:46	The Holy Ghost is to be thy constant companion.
D&C 130:22	The Holy Ghost is a personage of spirit.
Moses 1:24	Moses was filled with the Holy Ghost.

Other:

Andrus, H.L., Doctrinal Commentary on the Pearl of Great Price, pp. 243-282.

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Pratt, Praley P., Key to Theology, pp. 98-101.

Roberts, B.H., Seventies Course in Theology, vol. 5, 1912.

Smith, Joseph F., Improvement Era, 12:389.

See Appendix No. 3.

17. The Holy Ghost can be received without laying on of hands. (True, but the gift of the Holy Ghost cannot.)

Bible:

Acts 2:37-38	Following baptism you can receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
Acts 8:14-20	After the apostles laid their hands on them, they received the Holy Ghost.
Acts 19:1-6	You receive the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 20:41; 49:13-14	The gift of the Holy Ghost is received by laying on of hands.
D&C 33:15; 39:23; 76:52	You receive the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands.

18. The Holy Ghost would be more evident in your church if it is true.

Bible:

John 14:16-18	The Holy Ghost can't be seen, but He dwells within us.

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John 16:13-14	The Holy Ghost will reveal the truth.
Acts 1:2	The Holy Ghost gave commandments to the apostles.
Acts 5:32	He is a witness to the things of God.
I Corinthians 12:4-11	Different gifts from the Holy Ghost are given to various people.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Moroni 10:4-5	By asking with a sincere heart and real intent, the truth will be manifested unto you.
D&C 63:9-11	Signs come by faith by the will of God.

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE PLAN OF SALVATION

1. Christ had a pre-mortal existence, but man didn't.

Bible:

Numbers 16:22	God is the Father of all spirits.
Numbers 27:16	God is the Father of our spirits.
Deuteronomy 32:8-10	God picked the number of people who were to come to this earth by the number of Israelites who were to come.
Job 38:1-7	The morning stars and sons of God shouted for joy as the earth was created.
Isaiah 14:12-14	Lucifer was cast out of heaven.
Jeremiah 1:4-5	Jeremiah was foreordained to be a prophet before he was born.
John 9:1-6	The apostles asked if man's sin had caused him to be born blind.
Acts 17:26-29	All men are of one blood, and were appointed a time and place to be born.
Ephesians 1:2-12	We were foreordained, as Christ was, for God's glory.
Ephesians 2:10	We are the workmanship of Christ, God having foreordained us to do good.
Revelation 12:7-9	Satan and one-third of the spirits were cast out of heaven.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 13:3-4	Man was foreordained before birth.
Alma 34:33	Man must improve his time over the past spirit life while on this earth.
Ether 3:16	Man was created spiritually.
D&C 29:30-35	Man was created spiritually before he was temporally.
D&C 77:2	Man was created spiritually.
D&C 93:29	Man was with God in the beginning.
Moses 3:5-7	Man was created spiritually first, then physically.
Abraham 3:22-28	Man was organized (born) spiritually, from intelligences.

Other:

Andrus, HyrumL., Doctrinal Commentaries of the Pearl of Great Price, pp. 99-182

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Smith, Joseph F., Improvement Era, 13:75-87.

Smith, Joseph Fielding, Jr., The Way to Perfection, pp. 33:54.

2. Man is pre-destined; we do not have our free agency. (Acts 17:26, Romans 8:29-30)

Bible:

Genesis 2:16-17	God gave Adam and Eve the right of choice.
Joshus 24:15	Men are to choose now to serve the Lord.
Jeremiah 8:3	By doing evil, people choose death.
John 8:32	Know the truth and it will make you free.
I Corinthians 3:8	Men are rewarded for their works.
Galatians 6:7	Whatsoever a man soweth, he shall reap.
I Peter 1:20	Christ was foreordained.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 2:11, 26-27	Men are free to choose liberty and eternal life.
2 Nephi 10:23-24	You are free to act for yourself.
Alma 40:14	People who are evil will not have free agency.
Helaman 14:30-31	Man is free to choose good or evil.
D&C 93: 30-32	Man is free to act for himself.
D&C 98:8	Living the law will make you free.
D&C 101:78-80	Everyone is given free agency.
Moses 4	Satan sought to destroy the agency of man.
Moses 7:32	In the Garden of Eden man was given his free agency.
Abraham 3:22-28	Man is on earth to prove himself.

3. Man has evolved from lower forms of animal life.

Bible:

Genesis 1:27	God created man in his own image.
Genesis 2:7	Man was created (born) from the dust of the earth and given a spirit to make earth life.
Genesis 5:1-2	Adam is in the image of God.
Mark 10:6	We have been male and female since the creation.
Acts 17:29	We are the offspring of God.
I Corinthians 15:38	God gave every seed a body after its own kind.
Colossians 1:16	God created all things.
Hebrews 11:3	By faith the world was created.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 17:36	The Lord created the earth and man.
Jacob 4:9	All things were created by power of His word.
Alma 22:12	God created man in his image.
Ether 3:14-16	God created man.
D&C 20:18	The creation of man was in God's image.
D&C 76:24	Men are begotten sons and daughters of God.
Moses 2:27; 6:51	God created man.
Moses 3:4-7	God created everything.
Abraham 4:26-27	God created man in his image.

4. Jesus did not create the earth.

Bible:

John 1:1-14	The "Word" created the world and the "Word" is known as Christ.
I Corinthians 8:6	God had Christ create all things.
Ephesians 3:9	Christ created all things for God.
Colossians 1:16	By him (Christ) all things were created.
Hebrews 1:1-3	Christ created the worlds.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 17:36	The Lord created the earth.
2 Nephi 11:7	Christ created the earth.

3 Nephi 9:15	I created the earth. I am Jesus Christ.
Moses 1:33	God created the worlds by Jesus.

Other:

Andrus, Hyrum L., Doctrinal Commentaries of the Pearl of Great Price, pp. 99-182.

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Young, Brigham, J.D., 17:143.

5. There was no fall. (Adam)

Bible:

Genesis 3:6-10	Man's eyes were opened by the fall of Adam.
Romans 5:12-21	Adam brought death into the world and Christ brought life.
Romans 8:19-23	All things fell - the animals, the earth and man.
I Corinthians 15:22	All men die because of Adam.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 2:22-26	Adam fell that men might be.
Mosiah 16:3	The devil caused the fall.
Alma 12:22	Adam fell to make God's plan function.
Alma 22:13	The fall of Adam was known before the earth life started.
Alma 42:2-6	Adam fell for the benefit of man.
Helaman 14:16	The fall separated Adam from God.
Ether 3:2	The fall caused the evil nature in man.
Moroni 8:8	The fall of Adam does not include little children.
D&C 29:40-44	Adam transgressed and fell.
D&C 93:38-40	God will redeem us from the fall.
Moses 4:5-31 to 5:all	An account of the fall is given.
Moses 6:48	Death came by the fall.
Mormon 9:12	Adam brought the fall upon man.

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6. Why do you say that Adam was good when he sinned?

Bible:

Ecclesiastes 7:20	There is not a just man upon the earth who has not sinned.
John 8:7	"Let he that is without sin cast the first stone."
Romans 11:11	The fall make salvation possible for people.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 2:11-26	Opposites are necessary for man to know goood and evil.
Mosiah 4:7	The fall was prepared from the foundation of the world.
Alma 12:26-27	Adam brought about God's plan.
Alma 42:3-4	Because of Adam, man learned to know good and evil.
D&C 29:31-45	Adam partook that man might enter into his probationary state.
Moses 5	Adam and Eve rejoiced for they could have children.
Moses 6:48	Because of Adam's fall, we are here upon the earth today.

7. There is no devil.

Bible:

Job 1:6	The devil met with God and discussed job.
Isaiah 14:12-20	Lucifer was cast out of heaven.
Luke 4:8. 26-35	Christ spoke with Satan.
I John 3:8	The devil sinned from the beginning and sin comes from the devil.
Revelation 12:4-9, 11	Satan was cast out during the war in heaven.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 15:35	The devil is the foundation of hell.
2 Nephi 2:11	Man must have opposition in all things to progress.
2 Nephi 2:17-18	The devil is in the Garden of Eden.
2 Nephi 28:20-22	Satan does exist.
2 Nephi 32:8	The devil keeps us from praying.

Omni 25	Evil is from the devil.
Mosiah 4:14; 2 Nephi 9:9	The devil is a fallen son of God.
Ether 8:16	The devil is the source of wickedness.
Moroni 7:12	Evil is from the devil.
D&C 76:25, 44, 78	Those who are punished in hell will reign with the devil.
Moses 4:1-12	Satan used the serpent to deceive Eve.

8. If God were a just God, he wouldn't punish his children.

Bible:

Deuteronomy 16:18	The Lord is to judge with a just judgment.
Nehemiah 9:33	"Thou art just in all that is brought upon us."
Isaiah 11:4	God will smite the wicked.
Isaiah 26:21	God punishes for reasons of iniquity.
Ezekiel 14:13	God will punish the wicked.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 2:11	Opposition is necessary in all things.
2 Nephi 9:25	Where there is no law, there is no punishment.
Jacob 7:18	The wicked are to be punished.
Mosiah 2:33	Those that disobey the Lord will receive everlasting punishment.
Alma 1:32; 30:10	If we transgress the law, we will be punished.
Alma 12:15	There is a judgment in the things of God.
Alma 14:11	God's judgment will be just.
Alma 42:18	There is a punishment fixed and a just law given.
D&C 64:11	God shall judge and award us according to our deeds.
D&C 76:44	The wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment.
D&C 82:4	Those who keep not the commandments will be punished.
D&C 101:65-66	The people will be gathered and the tares bound and burned.
D&C 107:84	No one is to be exempt from the justice of God.

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9. I've already been saved. (People generally quote Ephesians 2:8-9 or Romans 11:6.)

Bible:

Psalms 1	We are saved by our acts.
Matthew 7:21-23	Not everyone will be saved.
Matthew 24:13	Only he who endures faithful to the end will be saved.
Luke 1:76-77	We gain salvation by remission of our sins.
Acts 4:10-12	We can be saved only by Jesus Christ.
I Corinthians 3:8	We are rewarded for our works.
Philippians 2:12	Our salvation is worked out by fear and trembling.
James 1:22	Be doers of the word and not hearers only.
James 2:19-20	Faith without works is dead.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 9:27-28	Christ redeemed those who have faith, repent and are baptized.
Alma 11:37-44	We are not saved in our sins.
Alma 34:15	Salvation is only to those who believe on his name and have faith unto repentance.
Alma 40:21	Men are to be judged by their works.
3 Nephi 27:13-15	Men are judged by their works.
D&C 5:21-22	Men must repent to be saved.
D&C 6:13	Men must be faithful to the end.
D&C 18:22	Men must endure to the end.
D&C 19:15-20	Men must repent to be saved.
Moses 6:52	We will be saved if we do well.

(See Nos. 1 and 2 on pages 50-51.)

10. All you have to do is read the Bible to be saved.

Bible:

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14	God will judge every work of man.
Malachi 4:1	The proud and wicked are to be burned as stubble.
Matthew 7:21-23	Not all who say Lord, Lord, shall be saved.
Mark 16:15-16	Pne must have faith and be baptized to be saved.

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Luke 13:1-5	One must repent to be saved.
John 3:3-5	Baptism is necessary to be saved.
John 3:16-17	Faith in Christ is necessary to be saved.
John 14:15	If you love the Lord, you will keep His commandmenst.
Hebrews 5:8-9	We should obey all the commandments to be saved.
James 1:22	Only the doers of the word will be saved.
James 2:19-20	Faith without works is dead.
James 4:17	It is a sin to not do what you know is right.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 15:32	Men must perform good works.
2 Nephi 9:28-29	The craftiness of the devil will lead you astray.
2 Nephi 28:all	Some say all is well in Zion.
2 Nephi 29:6-10	It is a fool who thinks that there is no need for another Bible.
Alma 5:13	We must endure to the end.
D&C 6:3	Man must work for God.
D&C 18:22	Man must endure to the end.
D&C 49:5	We must accept Christ to be saved.
D&C 84:74	Anyone who is not baptized shall not be saved.
D&C 112:29	Man must believe and be baptized to be saved.
D&C 128:6	Men will be judged by their works.
Moses 5:15	Everyone must repent to be saved.
Moses 6:52	Only those who are baptized shall be saved.

11. Christ will not come again.

Bible:

Job 19:25-27	Those who know Christ lives, shall stand in last days.
Isaiah 13:6-14	The Lord's coming is soon at hand.
Joel 3:15-17	Christ is to come to the New Jerusalem.
Damiel 7:13	The Son of Man is to come to the Ancient of Days (Adam).

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Zechariah 13:6; 14:1-4	Christ will appear to the Israelites.
Malachi 3:1-3	The Lord of hosts will come.
Malachi 4:5-6	Elijah is to come before the great and dreadful day of the Lord.
Luke 21:25-28	We shall see the Son of Man when He comes.
John 14:1-3	Christ went to prepare a place for his followers, then He will come again.
Acts 1:9-11	Christ will return in a like manner as when He left.
Acts 3:19-21	Christ will come again in the times of "refreshing."
I Corinthians 11:26	We are to partake of the sacrament until Christ comes.
I Thessalonians 4:16-18	Christ is to come a second time.
Hebrews 9:28	Christ shall appear a second time.
James 5:8	"The coming of the Lord draweth nigh."
II Peter 3:10-12	Christ is to come as a thief in the night.
I John 3:2	Christ shall appear and we shall see Him as He is.
Revelation 1:7	He will come again with clouds.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 22:13-24	World events are to record his coming.
2 Nephi 6:13-18	Christ is to come a second time.
D&C 1:12	We are to prepare for the Lord's coming is near.
D&C 34:1-12	The Lord is soon to come.
D&C 43:27-29	Christ will come again.
D&C 45:39, 47-55	When Christ comes, He will show his wounds.
D&C 61:38	The coming of Christ will be when we think He won't come.
D&C 65:5	Go forth and prepare the world for the second coming.
D&C 101:32	All things will be revealed when the Lord comes.

D&C 110:13-16 The day of the Lord is near, even at the doors.

D&C 130:14-17 No one, not even Joseph Smith, will know the time of the second coming.

12. I don't believe there will be a millennium.

Bible:

Isaiah 11:6-9 Enemies will be at peace with each other.

Isaiah 65:17-25 The millennium will be joyful.

Revelation 20 There will be one thousand years of peace.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 29:11, 22, 28 Christ will reveal himself in power and glory for one thousand years.

D&C 43:30 Satan will be bound for one thousand years.

D&C 63:49-53 Men will be changed in a twinkling of an eye from mortality to immortality.

D&C 77:12; 133:17-25 Christ is to finish his work and judge all men.

D&C 88:110; 101:23-31 Death is to end and Satan will be bound.

Moses 7:60-66 Christ is to reign for a thousand years.

13. There is no existence after death.

Bible:

Job 19:25-26 Job said, "Yet in my flesh will I see God."

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Man's spirit is to return to God who gave it to man.

Isaiah 29:19 The resurrection follows this life.

Ezekiel 37:1-4 Ezekiel saw bones coming together again.

Matthew 27:52-53 After Chirst's death the graves were opened and many people were resurrected.

Luke 23:42-43	Christ said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."
John 14:1-3	There are many mansions in Father's house.
Romans 6:23	Eternal life is a gift of God.
I Corinthians 15:12-58	Paul tells of life after death and of various kingdoms.
Philippians 3:20-21	Our bodies, through Christ, will be changed and perfected.
I Peter 3:18-20; 4:6	Christ preached to the spirits in prison.
Revelation 3:21	He that overcometh will sit on a throne with Christ.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 9:13-16	Our bodies are to come from the graves.
2 Nephi 9:22	All men are to stand before Christ to be judged.
Jacob 4:11	The resurrection is for all mankind.
Enos 27	Enos will see God face to face.
Mosiah 16:10	Men are to be brought before the bar of God.
Alma 11:43	The spirit and body are re-united eternally.
Alma 40:11-12	Our spirit goes home to God who gave it life.
Moroni 7:41	Man has hope to be resurrected unto life eternal.
D&C 29:22-28	All things are to become new.
D&C 59:23	We will receive peace here on earth, and eternal life hereafter.
D&C 76:39	Many will be brought forth in the first resurrection.
D&C 132:19	The resurrection is discussed.
Moses 7:62	All men will be resurrected.

14. There is no male or female in the hereafter. (Galatians 3:28-29)

Bible:

Luke 20:33-36	Man must be married before they are resurrected.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 11:43-44	Nothing is changed in the resurrection; all is in perfect form.
Ether 3:14	The Lord will have both sons and daughters in the herafter.
D&C 132	There is marriage in God's kingdom in the hereafter.
Moses 2:26-27	Male and female are created from the beginning.

15. We'll all be single. There will be no family unit after death.

Bible:

Genesis 2:18	Man is not to be alone, but to have a help meet.
Genesis 2:24	We are to leave our father and mother and cleave unto a companion.
Matthew 19:3-4	We must not put away our wives for every cause.
Matthew 22:28	The question, "Whose wife in the resurrection?" indicates there will be marriage relations after death.
I Corinthians 11:11	Paul said, "Neither is man without the woman in the Lord."
Ephesians 5:22-26	Paul taught that man is with the woman in the Lord.
I Timothy 4:1-3	Speaking of the apostasy, Paul taught that some would forbid to marry.
I Timothy 5:14	Paul taught that young women marry and rear children.
Hebrews 13:4	Marriage is honorable with God.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 49:15	Anyone who forbids to marry is not of God.
D&C 105:4	Marriage is required for the Celestial kingdom.
D&C 131:2	Marriage is necessary for entrance into the highest degree of the Celestial kingdom.
D&C 132	Celestial marriage is given by God.

16. Marriage is not necessary. (I Corinthians 7:33)

Bible:

Genesis 1:27-28	God created man and woman and commanded them to multiply and replenish the earth.
Genesis 2:18-24	God meant for man and woman to be together.
Luke 4:38	The Apostle Peter was a married man.
I Corinthians 11:11	Man is not without woman in the Lord.
I Timothy 4:1-3	Forbidding to marry is not of God.
Hebrews 13:4	Marriage is honorable.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 49:15	Marriage is ordained of God; those who forbid it are not of God.
D&C 131:1-4	Marriage is the order of the priesthood.
D&C 132:7	Marriage is an ordinance of God.
Moses 2:27-28	We are to be fruitful and multiply in the earth.
Moses 3:24	Men are to leave father and mother and cleave unto their wives.

17. If we live good lives, we'll all be married in the hereafter.

Bible:

Matthew 22:30	There are no marriages performed after the resurrection.
Hebrews 13:4	Those who are married who do evil, God will judge.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 132:7, 13-18	All marriage contracts not sealed on earth, will not be valid in the hereafter.

18. You can't do the ordinance work for someone else; you must do it for yourself. (Work for the dead)

Bible:

Malachi 4:5-6	The hearts of the fathers are turned to the children.

I Corinthians 15:29	Paul teaches baptism for the dead.
Hebrews 11:39-40	We cannot be made perfect without those who have gone before.
I Peter 3:18-20; 4:6	Christ preached to those who were dead so they might be judged the same as the living.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 110:13-16	The hearts of the fathers are turned to the children.
D&C 128:15-18	The deads' salvation is essential to ours.

19. I don't understand why you Mormons do temple work.

Bible:

Psalms 11:4	The Lord is in the temple.
Malachi 4:5-6	Our hearts are turned to our ancestors and children.
Matthew 16:19; 18:18	Anything bound on earth will be bound in heaven.
I Corinthians 15:29	Baptism for the dead is taught.
I Peter 3:18-20; 4:6	Christ preaches to the dead.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 124:27-40	Christ declares the need for ordinances.
D&C 131:1-3	Man must have the new and everlasting covenant of marriage to get to the top degree of the Celestial kingdom.

20. Doing baptismal work for the dead is ridiculous.

Bible:

Malachi 4:5-6	The hearts of the living must be turned to the dead.
John 3:3-5	Baptism is necessary for everyone.
I Corinthians 15:29	Baptism for the dead is ordained of God.
Hebrews 11:39-40	We cannot be made perfect without those who have gone before.

I Peter 3:18-21; 4-6	Christ preached to the dead in the spirit prison so that they could be judged as men are in the flesh.

21. Why are your temples so secret?

Bible:

Exodus 25:8	Israel hears the significance of the temple explained.
Psalms 27	People can seek refuge in the temple in troubled times.
Habakkuk 2:20	The Lord is in his holy temple; keep silent before Him.
Malachi 3:1	Christ and his messengers will come to his temple.
Matthew 6:6	Pray in secret; the temple is a good place to pray.
Matthew 7:6	Don't let unholy things partake of holy things.
Mark 11:15; Luke 19:45	Christ cast money changers out of the temple. He considered it a sacred place.
Luke 2:46	Jesus was found in the temple worshipping.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Mosiah 1:18	Many go to the temple to hear the word of the Lord.
Jacob 1:17-19	Jacob obtained his errand in the temple.
D&C 36:8	Christ will visit the temples.
D&C 42:36	Temples are a place of gathering in the days of his coming.
D&C 93:35	He who defiles the temple, God will destroy.
D&C 97:17	God will not come to unholy temples.
D&C 124:39-40	Revelations and sacred ordinances are performed in the temple.

22. Why can't non-members enter your temples?

Bible:

Acts 21:26	Paul had to purify himself before going to the temple.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 97:15-17 If any unclean thing enters the temple, the Lord will not come to his temple.

D&C 124:40-41 The Lord reveals certain things to his people pertaining to the dispensation of the fulness of times.

23. You can't repent after this life.

Bible:

Luke 15:7 There will be joy in heaven over sinners that repent.

John 5:25-29 The dead shall hear Christ's voice and live.

I Peter 3:18-20 Christ preaches to those who are dead.

I Peter 4:6 The dead are taught so that they might be judged the same as the living.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 40:6-14 There is a state between death and the resurrection.

D&C 76:71-79 Those who repent after death can reach the terrestrial kingdom if they did not receive the law before dying.

Moses 7:38-39 The people in the days of Noah will be given a chance.

Other:

McConkie, Bruce R., Mormon Doctrine, 2nd ed., pp. 685-687.

Smith, Joseph Fielding Jr., Doctrines of Salvation, 2:181-196.

24. Men sleep until the judgment day. There is no spirit world after death.

Bible:

Ecclesiastes 12:7 The spirit of man returns to God who gave it life.

Matthew 27:52-53 Many were resurrected after Christ appeared in the city.

Luke 16:19-31 Lazarus and the rich man are dead, yet in a spirit world.

Luke 23:43; John 20:17	Christ promised the thief paradise but not salvation. He had been three days in the spirit world, but hadn't yet ascended to God.
Ephesians 5:14	Those that sleep (dead) shall arise from the dead; Christ appears to his disciples.
I Peter 3:18-20; 4:6	The gospel was preached to the spirits in prison that they might be judged as we are judged.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 40:11-14, 21	The spirits of all men go home to their God.
D&C 76:73	The Son visited the spirits in prison.
Moses 7:37-39, 67	The wicked are shut up in spirit prison.

Other:

Smith, Joseph F., Gospel Doctrine, pp. 460-477.

25. There is no physical resurrection.

Bible:

Job 19:25-27	Job said, "In my flesh shall I see God."
Isaiah 26:19	The dead shall arise.
Ezekiel 37:1-14	God will bring man from the grave.
Matthew 27:52-53	The graves opened and resurrected saints appeared unto mortals.
Matthew 28:9	The disciples touched Christ's feet.
Mark 16:1-10	There was an empty tomb.
Luke 24:36-39	Christ showed the wounds in his hands and feet.
John 20:all	The disciples saw the resurrected Lord.
John 21:1-15	Christ appeared to the disciples after the resurrection.
Acts 1:9-11	The Lord was taken up in a cloud before their eyes.
Acts 10:39-42	The Savior was raised up the third day.
I Corinthians 15:3-12	The small and great will stand before God.

I Corinthians 15:15-23 There is a resurrection.
Romans 6:9 Death has no more dominion over man.

Latter-Day Scripture:
Mosiah 15:21-23 The bands of death are broken.
Mosiah 16:8 There is a resurrection.
Alma 11:41-45 The body and spirit are reunited.
Alma 40:all All will be resurrected at the appointed time of God.
Alma 41:2, 13-15 Everything will be restored.
Helaman 14:15, 25 The graves shall yield up their dead.
3 Nephi 11:6-17 The Nephites felt the nail prints of the Savior.
3 Nephi 23:9 Many resurrected saints are to appear to us.
D&C 29:13-50 Not one part of the body shall be lost.
D&C 43:18 All saints are to arise.
D&C 88:27-28 Our bodies are restored again.
D&C 110:1-4 The resurrected Christ is described.
D&C 129:1 Man will be resurrected with bodies of flesh and bones.
D&C 130:1, 22-23 The Savior will be seen as a man.

26. Not everyone will be resurrected, only the righteous.

Bible:
Job 19:25-27 Job is to be resurrected in the flesh.
Isaiah 26:19 The earth shall cast out the dead.
John 5:28-29 The just and unjust are to be resurrected.
Acts 24:15 There will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust.
I Corinthians 15:22 Through Christ all men shall be made alive.
Revelation 20:5-15 Both resurrections are described.

Latter-Day Scripture:
2 Nephi 2:9 All men will be resurrected.
2 Nephi 9:22 All men will be resurrected.
Mosiah 16:7-11 The resurrection of the good receive happiness, the evil damnation.
Alma 11:41 All men will be resurrected
Alma 40 All men will be resurrected.
Helaman 14:15-18 All men will be resurrected.

3 Nephi 26:4	All men will be resurrected.
Mormon 9:13	All men will be resurrected.
D&C 29:26	All of the dead shall awake.
D&C 43:18	The saints shall arise; the sinners must wait until later.
D&C 45:54	The heathen shall be resurrected.
D&C 76:17	The just and the unjust are to be resurrected.
D&C 88:95-102	All will be resurrected at different times.
Moses 7:62	All men will be resurrected.

Other:

See Appendix No. 2 for divisions of the resurrection.

27. There is no such thing as three degrees of glory in the resurrection, just a heaven or hell.

Bible:

John 14:1-3	Christ said, "In my father's house are many mansions."
I Corinthians 15:40-41	Paul lists and names various degrees of glory and bodies.
II Corinthians 12:2-3	Paul saw a man caught up in the "Third Kingdom."

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 76:all	The degrees of glory are described in detail.
D&C 88:19-32, 95-102	All men will rise again to various kingdoms.
D&C 131:1-3	There are three heavens in the Celestial kingdom.

28. Hell is a place of fire and brimstone.

Bible:

Psalms 18:5	Hell is a place of sorrow.
Revelation 14:10	Hell is torment.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 9:12	Hell is spiritual death.
Mosiah 2:38	"Fire" is the sense of our own guilt.
D&C 76:81-85	Hell - The place where the devils reside.

MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTIONS CLAIMING MORMONS ARE UNFAIR

1. Mormons show prejudice by not letting the Negroes have the Priesthood.

Bible:

Genesis 4:15	The Lord set a mark upon Cain.
Genesis 4:11	Jesus said, "Now art thou cursed from the earth" - Cain.
Ezra 2:62	Ezra said, "Therefore were they as polluted, put from the priesthood."
Matthew 10:5-6	Christ sent the apostles to go not to the way of the gentiles, but to the lost sheep of Israel.
Matthew 15:24	Jesus Christ was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Moses 5:16-41	The Lord set a mark upon Cain.
Moses 7:8	A blackness came upon all the children of Canaan, and they were despised among all people.
Moses 7:22	The seed of Cain were black and had not place among them.
Moses 7:12	Enoch called upon all people to repent except the Canaanites.
Abraham 1:21-27	Pharoah was of that lineage by which he could not have the right of the priesthood.
D&C 121:21	Others are denied the right to hold the priesthood.

Other:

Smith, Joseph Fielding, Way to Perfection, pp. 97-111.	Worthy and qualified Negroes will receive the priesthood and all the gospel blessings - (Brigham Young).
Brooks, Melvin R., LDS Reference Encyclopedia, 1:327-329.	This tells why Negroes cannot hold the priesthood.

On June 7, 1978 the First Presidency announced that all worthy male members of the Church could hold the Priesthood and receive all the blessings of the temple and exaltation.

2. The true Church wouldn't show racial discrimination.

Bible:

Deuteronomy 7:3	The Israelites are not to marry with the Canaanites, etc.
Matthew 10:5-6	The apostles are not to go to the Samaritans or Gentiles, but to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 26:24	Christ doesn't do anything save it be for the benefit of the world.
2 Nephi 26:33	He denieth none who come unto him, black or white, bond or free.
Abraham 1:23-27	Pharoah was of that lineage by which he could not have the priesthood.

3. Mormons are intolerant of other churches.

Bible:

Matthew 22:39	Christ said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."
Romans 1:16	Paul taught, "Be not ashamed of the gospel of Christ."

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 14:10	There are only two churches.
3 Nephi 18:30	We are not to cast people out of our meetings, but we are to pray for them.
Moroni 7:18	We are admonished not to misjudge.
D&C 18:20	Christ taught, "Contend against none except devils."
P. of G. P.	Article of Faith No. 11 - Let each church worship according to its own desires.

4. Mormons are too clanish.

Bible:

Exodus 19:5	Jesus said, "Ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people."

Deuteronomy 7:2-9	The Lord said, "Thou shalt make no covenant with them neither."
Deuteronomy 14:2	The Lord hath chosen thee to be a particular people unto himself.
John 17:2-26	We are to be in the world, but not of it.
I Corinthians 5:11	We must not keep company with evil doers.
I Thessalonians 5:22	Paul said, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."
II Thessalonians 3:13-14	We are not to keep company with those who don't keep the commandments.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 25:10	Men must lay aside things of the world.
D&C 53:2	Christ said, "You shall forsake the world."

5. You don't give equal status to the women in your Church.

Bible:

Genesis 3:16	The husband is to rule over the wife.
I Corinthians 11:3	The head of the woman is the man.
I Corinthians 14:34	"Let the women keep silent in the churches."
Ephesians 5:22-25	The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church.
I Timothy 2:11-12	Paul taught, "Suffer not a woman to teach or usurp authority over the man."
I Peter 3:1-5	Wives are to be in subjection to their own husbands.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Moses 4:22	Husbands are to rule over their wives.

6. Women should keep quiet in church and have the head covered while in the church house. (I Corinthians 14:34)

Bible:

Exodus 15:20	Miriam, a prophetess led the congregation.

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Judges 4:4, 5:1-3	Deborah, the prophetess, led the people.
Judges 13:2-21	The mother of Samuel talked with an angel of the Lord.
I Samuel 1:11-28	Hannah was pleading in the temple with the Lord.
Joes 2:28	" . . . Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy . . . "
Luke 2:36-37	Anna was a prophetess in the temple.
Romans 16:1-7	Women are involved in teaching in Christ's church.
I Corinthians 11:13-15	The covering a woman is to use is her hair.
I Timothy 2:12	Woman should not seek authority over the man.
Philippians 4:3	Women are involved in teaching in Christ's church.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Moses 5:12	Adam and Eve both spoke of God to their children.

MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTIONS ABOUT MISSIONARY WORK

1. My minister told me not to listen to you.

Bible:

Joshua 24:15	We must choose this day to serve God.
I Kings 18:21	Man must follow God or false ministers, but he can't follow both.
Proverbs 14:12	Sometimes what some people think is right, but the end is death.
John 8:30-32	Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.
Galatians 1:10	Please God rather than men.
Galatians 5:1	Christ has made us free.
Philippians 4:8	Men must seek for things that are true, honest, just, pure, etc.
I Thessalonians 5:21	Paul said, "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good."
James 4:17	Sin is to know good and not do it.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 2:16	Man should act for himself.
Alma 12:31	Men are in a state to act according to their wills and pleasures.
Helaman 14:30-31	Men are free to act for themselves.
D&C 98:8	God has made us free.

2. If I join your Church I'll be a social outcast.

Bible:

Joshua 24:15	We must choose this day to serve God.
I Samuel 15:22	To obey God is better than to sacrifice animals.
Psalms 4:5	Man is to put his trust in the Lord.
Matthew 5:10-13	Blessed are the persecuted.
Matthew 6:33	Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.
Matthew 10:32-40	We are to give up fathers, mothers, sons or daughters for Christ.
Mark 8:37-38	If we are ashamed of Christ, he will be ashamed os us.
Luke 6:22	Blessed are you when men shall separate you from their company.
Luke 12:29-34	Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Luke 16:15	That which is esteemed before men is an abomination before God.
Galatians 1:10	Seek not to please men, but seek to please God.
I Thessalonians 2:4	We must please God when He trusts us with the gospel.

3. My family objects to my joining the L.D.S. Church.

Bible:

Deuteronomy 13:6-10	Don't harken to family members that would lead you away from God.
Psalms 4:5	Put your trust in the Lord.
Matthew 10:32-40	We must give up father, mother, son or daughter for Christ.
Matthew 12:30	He that is not with me is against me.
Mark 10:28-30	We should leave our house, family, and lands for the gospel.
Luke 6:22	Blessed are you when men shall separate you from their company.
Luke 12:51-53	Christ will bring division among family members.
Galatians 1:10	Seek not to please men, but God.
I Thessalonians 2:4	We must please God when he trusts us with the gospel.
Hebrews 12:9	It is better to obey our Heavenly Father than the father of our flesh.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Helaman 14:30-31	You are free to act for yourself.

4. Heathens are the only people Christian missionaries should proselyte.

Bible:

Matthew 7:21-23	Not everyone that says Lord, Lord, shall enter into thy kingdom.
Matthew 15:24	The apostles were not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
Matthew 24:14	The gospel is to go to all people before the end comes.
Matthew 28:14-20	Christ said, "Go and teach all nations."
Mark 13:10	Christ said, "Go into all the world."

Mark 16:15-16, 20	Christ said, "Go into all the world."
Galatians 1:6-9	The gospel is unchangeable.
Colossians 1:28	We must warn and teach every man.
I Thessalonians 5:21	Paul said, "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good."
Revelation 14:6-7	The gospel is to be preached to all the world.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 29:7	All children on the earth are God's children.
D&C 1:1-2	The gospel is for all people.
D&C 18:15-16	The worth of a soul is great in God's sight.
D&C 88:81-82	Every man must warn his neighbor.
D&C 133:36-40	The gospel is to be preached to all people.

5. Your missionaries are too pushy and arrogant.

Bible:

Acts 4:29	Missionaries are to speak God's word with boldness.
Acts 17:6	Paul was so diligent and worked so hard, that he was accused of turning the world upside down.
Romans 1:16	Paul, said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ."
II Corinthians 9:2	Paul boasted because of the Corinthian's zeal.
Galatians 1:10	A servant of God will not preach to please man.
I Thessalonians 2:4	Speak to please God, not man.
Titus 2:14	We are to be zealous of good works.

6. Mormon missionaries are draft dodgers.

Bible:

Joshua 24:15	We must choose this day to serve God.
Matthew 28:19-20	Christ said, "Go ye to all nations preaching the gospel."
Mark 16:15-16	Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.

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I Corinthians 9:16	Paul said, "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel."
I Peter 2:13-21	We must subject ourselves to all ordinances of man.
Romans 13:1-8	We must subject ourselves to all ordinances of God and man.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 75:3-5	We are commanded to proclaim truth with all out might.
D&C 88:81-82	We are to testify and warn the people.
D&C 133:36-40	The Lord is sending out angels to preach to every nation, etc.
D&C 134:5	We believe men are bound to sustain and uphold governments.
12th Article of Faith	We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, magistrates, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE SACRAMENT AND SABBATH

1. Your Church is too strict about the Sabbath day.

Bible:

Genesis 2:2-3	Christ honored the Sabbath day.
Exodus 16:23	We must keep the Sabbath day holy.
Exodus 20:8-11	The Lord set aside the Sabbath day.
Exodus 31:14-17	Death was the penalty under the Law of Moses.
Exodus 34:21	We are to rest on the Sabbath day.
Deuteronomy 5:12-15	We must keep the Sabbath day holy.
Isaiah 56:2	We should keep from polluting and doing evil on the Sabbath day.
Ezekiel 20:19-24	The Lord expects us to observe the Sabbath.
Ezekiel 44:24	Christ said, "Hallow my Sabbaths."
Matthew 12:11-12	We should do good on the Sabbath day.
Mark 2:27-28	The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.
Mark 3:1-5	Do good on the Sabbath.
Luke 13:11-17	Jesus heals on the Sabbath.
John 5:3-19; Luke 6:1-11	Jesus heals on the Sabbath.
Acts 20:7	The apostles met on the first day (Sabbath).
Colossians 2:16	We must not judge someone else concerning the Sabbath day.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Jarom 1:5	The Sabbath day is holy unto the Lord.
Mosiah 13:16	Christ said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."
Mosiah 18:23-24	Observe the Sabbath to keep it holy.
D&C 59:12	The Sabbath is a special day.
D&C 68:29	The Sabbath is to be observed and kept holy.
Moses 3:3	The Lord blessed and sanctified the seventh day and rested.

2. The Sabbath should be on Saturday.

Bible:

Exodus 35:2	If a law is in force, a penalty is also.

Leviticus 25:1-12	If the Jewish Sabbath law is binding, the Sabbath on weeks and years should also be observed.
Hosea 2:11	Israel's Sabbaths were to cease.
Matthew 5:34; 19:17-19	The Ten Commandments, except the Jewish Sabbath, were re-enacted.
Matthew 28:1-20	Christ rose on the first day.
Mark 16:2, 9	The saints met and Christ rose upon the first day of the week.
Mark 2:27	The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.
John 5:18	Jesus disregarded the Jewish Sabbath.
John 20:1, 19	Christ rose on the first day and met the apostles.
Acts 20:4-7	Paul met with the disciples on the first day of the week.
I Corinthians 16:1-4	The saints were to meet upon the first day of each week.
Galatians 3:24-25	The Law of Moses was fulfilled in Christ.
Ephesians 1:22	Christ is over all things in his church.
Colossians 2:16	We must not judge someone else concerning the Sabbath day.
Hebrews 4:9-11	Jesus instituted a day of rest even as his Father did.
Hebrews 10:9	Christ took away the first to establish the second.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Mosiah 18:25	There was one day in every week that was set apart.
D&C 59:9-13	The Lord's day is to be observed on the first day of each week.

3. You changed the sacrament.

Bible:

Numbers 12:6	If there is a prophet, God will speak to him in vision and dreams.
Amos 3:7	The Lord commands his prophets when any changes are to be made.
Mark 14:22-25	Fresh fruit of the vine was used as the drink.

Luke 22:18-20	This cup is the New Testament of my blood. No wine is mentioned.
I Corinthians 11:23-30	This cup is the New Testament of my blood. No wine is mentioned.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 27:1-4	The Lord commanded the sacrament to be changed.

4. You partake of the sacrament too often.

Bible:

Acts 2:45-46	We are commanded to continue steadfast in breaking of bread and in prayers, and to do this daily.
Acts 20:7	Every first day of the week the sacrament was partaken.
I Corinthians 5:7	Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Exodus 12:11-17	
I Corinthians 11:23-30	We partake of the sacrament often until Christ comes.

Latter-Day Scripture:

3 Nephi 18:6, 11	We are commanded to always observe the Sabbath.
3 Nephi 20:3	We are told to break bread often.
3 Nephi 26:13	We are commanded to break bread often and bless it.
Moroni 6:6-7	The Nephites met often to fast, pray, and partake of the sacrament.
D&C 20-75	It is necessary to partake often.
D&C 59:12, 9	We must meet on the Lord's day to offer up sacraments.

5. It seems too many of your Church members take the sacrament unworthily.

Bible:

I Corinthians 11:27-29	Many are sick and weakly because they partake unworthily.

Latter-Day Scripture:

3 Nephi 18:28-32	We are not to suffer the sacrament to be taken unworthily.
Mormon 9:29; D&C 46:4	Do not partake unworthily; make a reconciliation.

6. Fasting is not necessary.

Bible:

Psalms 35:13	David humbled himself with fasting.
Matthew 6:16-18	Fasting in secret is rewarded.
Matthew 17:21	Some are healed only by fasting and prayer.
Mark 9:29	This kind comes out only by prayer and fasting.
I Corinthians 7:5	We must give ourself to fasting and prayer.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Mosiah 27:22-23	Fasting and prayer healed Alma.
Alma 17:3	We must give ourself to much fasting.
Helaman 3:35	Fasting brought humility to the Nephites.
D&C 88:76	We are commanded to fast.

MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTIONS TO L.D.S. FINANCIAL PRACTICES

1. Mormon leaders should not participate in politics.

Bible:

Exodus 18:13-26	Moses appointed judges for the people.
Luke 20:25	Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God's.
I Peter 2:17	Honor all men; love the brotherhood; fear God; honor the king.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Mosiah 29:26	It is common for the lesser part of the people to desire that which is not right; therefore, make the law by the voice of the people.
Alma 10:19	The people should be governed by the voice of the people.
Helaman 5:2	The government is to be the voice of the people.
D&C 93:53	We should obtain knowledge and understanding.
D&C 98:6	The wise are to befriend the government.
D&C 98:10	Honest and wise men should be sought for to uphold the constitution.

2. Churches should not get involved in business.

Bible:

Acts 4:31 to 5:16	Health, property, etc., are under the supervision of the prophets.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 38:36	The bishop is to govern the affairs of the property of this church.
D&C 42:35	Lands and buildings are for building up the New Jerusalem.
D&C 58:26-29	Men are to be anxiously engaged in a worthy cause and be agents unto themselves.
D&C 20:62	Conferences are held to conduct church business.

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D&C 64:29-30	The Lord's agents are on the Lord's errands. What ye do according to the Lord's will is the Lord's business.
D&C 104:48-50	The saints were to organize businesses in their own names.

3. Why do you pay your General Authorities?

Bible:

Matthew 20:8	Call the laborers and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.
Luke 10:7	A laborer is worthy of his hire.
Philippians 4:15-16, 17-19	Paul received help only from the Philippians.
I Timothy 5:18	A laborer is worthy of his reward.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 24:18-19	The church is to provide for its servants.
D&C 51:14	The bishop is to reserve unto himself for the wants of his family as he shall be employed in doing the Lord's business.
D&C 119:1-6, 7	Pay is for the priesthood and the debts of the church.
D&C 124: 121-122	Laborers are to have a just recompense of wage for all their work.
D&C 126:1-3	Brigham Young was not to care for himself.

4. Why don't you pay your ministry?

Bible:

Isaiah 52:3	Redemption comes without money.
Matthew 6:24-34	We are to take no thought for the morrow.
Matthew 10:5-10	Christ sent his apostles without purse or script.
Luke 9:2-3	Christ said, "Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, bread, nor money;. . ."

Luke 22:35-36	Take money with you so people will not have to support you.
Acts 18:3	Paul made his living as a tentmaker.
I Corinthians 9:18	People should preach without pay.
I Timothy 6:10	Money is the root of all evil (love of).
I Timothy 6:18	We may get rich by doing good.
Titus 1:11	We should not teach for filthy lucre's sake.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 22:23	Churches built up to get gain will fall.
2 Nephi 26:31	Man should labor for Zion, not for money.
2 Nephi 28:11-13	Churches are not to rob the poor to build themselves up.
Mosiah 2:14	King Benjamin labored with his own hands.

5. All you want is money. (The Church wants too much money from the members.)

Bible:

Genesis 14:20; Hebrews 7:1-10	Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek.
Genesis 28:20-22	Jacob paid one tenth.
Leviticus 27:30-34	We should pay tithes on everything, i.e., flocks, herds, etc.
Deuteronomy 14:22	"Thou shalt tithe all the increase. . ."
Deuteronomy 16:17	Give as you are able.
Proverbs 3:9	Honor the Lord with your substance.
Malachi 3:8-11	Don't rob God in tithes and offerings.
Matthew 6:19-21	Where your treasure is there will be your heart also.
Luke 11:42	Jesus says we should pay tithes.
Acts 2:44-46	Everything was sold and given equally to the poor.
I Timothy 6:7-11	The love of money is the root of all evil.
James 5:1-4	Riches may corrupt you.
I Peter 4:8	Charity will cover a multitude of sins.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 9:30	Those who are rich tend to despise the poor.
Jacob 2:18-19	Riches are for the purpose of clothing the naked.
Alma 13:15	Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek.
3 Nephi 24:8-10	Don't rob God; pay your tithes.
D&C 64:23	Today is the day of sacrifice for the tithing of his people.
D&C 85:3	The payment of tithing will protect a person against the judgments.
D&C 119	The law of tithing is given by the Lord.

6. Your leaders are dishonest.

Bible:

Deuteronomy 16:18-22	The Lord will not allow his prophets to lead his people astray.
Ecclesiastes 7:20	No man is completely void of sin.
Matthew 7:16	Christ said, "By their fruits ye shall know them."
Matthew 9:3	Christ was accused of blasphemy.
John 15:16	Christ chose the leaders of his church.
I Timothy 2:1-3	We should give prayers, thanks, etc., for those in authority.

Other:

Smith, Joseph F., J.D., 24:192	The Lord will not allow his prophets to lead his people astray.

MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTIONS TO L.D.S. SOCIAL STANDARDS

1. Mormons are too strict in their living habits.

Bible:

Matthew 4:4	Man shall live by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God.
Matthew 5:48	Be ye therefore perfect.
Matthew 7:13-14	Strait is the gate and narrow is the way unto life.
John 8:31-32	Jesus said, "Continue in my word."
John 14:15	If ye love me, keep my commandments.
I Corinthians 6:19-20	Our bodies are temples of God; hence we should take care of them.
James 2:10	If we offend one point of the law, we are guilty of all.
I Peter 2:9	We must be a peculiar people.
Revelation 3:15-16	If ye are not hot or cold, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 3:7	There is no commandment which cannot be kept.
Alma 41:8	God's commandments are unalterable.
D&C 1:14, 31	Heed the words of the Lord's servants; sin cannot be tolerated.
D&C 42:28-29	If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
D&C 42:41	Let all things be done in cleanliness before God.
D&C 84:43-44	We must live by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God.

2. What I eat or drink does not affect my spirituality. (See Matthew 15:11, speaking of the Word of Wisdom.)

Bible:

Leviticus 10:9	Do not drink wine or strong drink.
Judges 13:4	Drink not wine or strong drink or eat any unclean thing.
Proverbs 20:1	Wine is a mocker.

Proverbs 23:20-21	"Be not among wine-bibbers. . ."
Isaiah 5:11	"Woe to they that follow strong drink. . ."
Romans 14:21	It is not good to eat, or drink that which causes one to be offended or to stumble.
I Corinthians 3:16-17	Our bodies are temples of God.
Ephesians 5:18	Be not drunk with wine. . ."
Titus 1:7	Bishops should not be given to wine, etc.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 29:34-35	All laws are spiritual.
D&C 89	The Word of Wisdom is given to Joseph Smith.
D&C 93:35	Our body is the temple of the spirit; do not defile it.

3. It doesn't matter how I dress.

Bible:

Deuteronomy 22:5	Women are not to wear men's clothing and men are not to wear women's.
Isaiah 3:16-23	The Lord will smite the women, take away their costly and haughty apparel.
Luke 12:23	The body is more than just raiment.
I Timothy 2:9	Women are to dress themselves modestly.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Jacob 2:13	Pride and costly apparel cause men to think they are better than others.
D&C 42:40	Our garments should be plain and the beauty, the beauty the work of thine own hands.
Moses 4:27	God made coats of skin for Adam and Eve to clothe their nakedness.

4. Dancing and cosmetics are not of God.

Bible:

Exodus 15:20	Miriam danced before the Lord.
II Samuel 6:4-5	David was dancing before the Lord.

Psalms 30:11	David's mourning was turned into dancing by the Lord.
Psalms 149:3	We praise his name in dance.
Psalms 150:4	"Praise the Lord with. . .dance. . ."
Ecclesiastes 3:1-5	There is a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
Jeremiah 31:13	The virgin shall rejoice in dance.

Latter-Day Scripture:

D&C 82:10	God is bound when we do what He says.
D&C 136:28	Praise the Lord with singing, music and dancing.

Other:

MIA Pamphlet, p.9, For the Strength of Youth.	"In using make-up, girls should keep in mind that cosmetics are used only to enhance their natural beauty. Excessive use of make-up should be avoided."

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS CONCERNING MISCELLANEOUS COMMANDMENTS

1. God does not expect us to become perfect.

Bible:

Genesis 6:9	Noah was just and perfect in his generation.
Genesis 17:1	The Lord commands Abraham to be perfect.
Deuteronomy 18:13	We are commanded to be perfect with God.
Job 1:1	Job was a perfect and upright man.
Psalms 37:37	Mark is mentioned as the perfect man.
Matthew 5:48	We are to be perfect even as God is perfect.
I Kings 15:14	Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord.
John 17:23	Christ prayed that his disciples might be made perfect (in one).
Romans 8:17	The Lord wants us to become Gods through righteous living.
I Corinthians 2:6	Some early Christians were perfect.
II Corinthians 13:9-11	Paul urged the Corinthians to be perfect.
Ephesians 4:12	The officers of the church are given to make the saints perfect.
Colossians 1:28	Every man is to be perfect in Jesus Christ.
II Timothy 3:17	All scripture, etc., is given to help us reach perfection.
Hebrews 12:23	The spirits of just men are made perfect.
James 1:4	We should be perfect.
James 3:2	Those who do not offend the Lord are perfect.
I Peter 5:10	God will make us perfect.
Hebrews 6:1-2 (Inspired Version)	"Let us go on unto perfection . . . "

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 9:14	The righteous shall have a perfect knowledge.
Alma 5:27	God expects us to walk blameless before Him.
3 Nephi 12:48	We should be perfect, even as God.

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Moroni 7:48	We can become pure even as God is pure.
D&C 4:2	Man is to be blameless before God.
D&C 67:13	Man must continue in patience until he is perfect.
D&C 76:69	Those who go to the Celestial Kingdom are just men made perfect.
D&C 107:43	Seth was a perfect man.
D&C 132:37	Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are perfect and have become Gods.
Moses 8:27	Noah was perfect in his generation.

2. Mormons take the Bible too figuratively.

Bible:

Matthew 24:15	. . "whoso readeth, let him understand . . . "
II Corinthians 3:6	The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.
Philippians 3:15	God will reveal that which we don't understand.
II Peter 1:20-21	The scriptures are to be interpreted by holy men of God.

Latter-Day Scripture:

8th Article of Faith	"We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly . . . "

3. The stories in the Bible are myths with morals.

Bible:

Genesis 15:18	The promised land is explained by God.
Genesis 49:22-23	Joseph was to receive a promised land across the sea.
Isaiah 5:27-29	The prophecy of airplanes and trains is found in the Bible.
Isaiah 7:14, 9:6	Prophecies come to pass.
Amos 3:7	God reveals his secrets to his prophets.
II Timothy 3:16-17	All scripture is given by God and is profitable for doctrine.
I John 5:10-11	You must believe the record.

Revelation 1:1	Future things will come to pass.
Revelation 22:6-7	Prophecies by prophets will come to pass.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 13:23	The scriptures are records of the Jews and covenants of the Lord.
D&C 20:8-11	The scriptures are true; God does inspire men.
D&C 68:34	The scriptures are true; do not take from them.
D&C 93:26-28	We are to live the commandments.

4. You can't know the gospel is true. (testimony)

Bible:

Matthew 7:7-8	"Ask and ye shall receive."
John 7:17	If any man shall do his will, he shall know of the truthfulness.
John 8:31-32	"Ye shall know the truth . . . "
John 14:26	The Holy Ghost shall teach men.
John 15:26	The Holy Ghost will testify of Christ.
John 16:13	The Holy Ghost will guide us into all truths.
Romans 8:16	The Spirit will bear witness to our spirits that we are children of God.
I Corinthians 2:9-11	The things of God are known by the Spirit.
James 1:5-6	Prayer is power.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Moroni 10:4-5	If we receive these things, the truth of these will be made known.
3 Nephi 18:20	Ask and ye shall know.
D&C 8:2-3	The Lord shall tell us in our heart.
D&C 9:6-9	Your bosom will burn within you.
D&C 50:14	The Comforter is sent forth to teach truth.
D&C 91:4	The Spirit manifests truth to man.
D&C 121:26-28	God shall give us knowledge.
Moses 7:62	Truth shall be sent forth to bear testimony to the world.

5. Prayers are not answered.

Bible:

Genesis 20:7	He shall pray and thou shalt live.
Numbers 11:1-3	Moses prayed and the fire was quenched.
I Samuel 1:9-28	Samuel was born as an answer to prayer.
Jeremiah 29:12-13	The Lord hearkens unto prayer.
Matthew 6:5-13	Don't pray as hypocrites do.
Matthew 7:7-8	We must ask and we shall receive.
Matthew 21:22	True believers have prayers answered.
Mark 11:24	If you believe you will receive, it will be given you.
John 7:17	We can learn the truth by doing God's will.
I Thessalonians 5:17	Pray without ceasing.
Hebrews 11:6	God rewards those who seek Him.
James 1:5	If we lack wisdom, ask God and He will inform us.
James 5:17-18	Fervent prayer controlled the elements.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Mosiah 27:14, 22	Prayer made it possible for Alma to speak again.
Alma 22:16	We should cry unto God in all things that we will prosper.
Alma 32:26-43	Desire leads us to prayer, and prayer brings us knowledge.
Alma 34:18-27	We should pray over every thing we have.
3 Nephi 13:6	We will be rewarded if we pray in secret.
3 Nephi 18:18-20	If you believe you will receive, it will be given you.
3 Nephi 19:22	Prayer will cause many to believe in God.
Moroni 10:4-6	We must pray with real intent.
D&C 5:24	The humble have prayers answered.
D&C 9-8-9	It tells how prayers are answered.
D&C 25:12	Songs may answer the questions of the righteous.

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D&C 50:26-29	Those cleansed of sin can ask and receive.
D&C 68:33	We are commanded to pray.
D&C 101:7	God answers prayers.
D&C 103:36	Victory and glory are brought through prayer.
D&C 104:80	Humility and prayer will ease problems.

6. To have sincerity of belief is not enough.

Bible:

Matthew 15:8-9	"In vain they do worship me . . ."
Acts 26:9-12	Paul was sincere when fighting the church.
Matthew 27:25	The Jews were sincere in killing Christ.
Matthew 7:19-21	Not everyone that says Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.
John 16:2-3	He that will kill you thinks he is doing God service.
Romans 10:1-4	They have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
James 2:19	The devils also believe and tremble.

7. You should be healed by faith, not by doctors.

Bible:

Matthew 9:12	The whole need no physician, only the sick.
James 2:17-26	Faith without works is dead.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Mosiah 4:26	We should administer temporally to others' needs.
D&C 42:43-53	The sick who have faith are healed.
D&C 58:26-29	We should do many things without being commanded.
Moroni 7:26	Anything we ask for in faith which is good, will be given.

8. You should be healed by doctors, not by faith.

Bible:

1 Kings 17:17	Elijah healed the son of a woman by faith.
Mark 5:34	Faith makes a daughter whole.
Mark 10:52	Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole."
Acts 3:1-8	The lame were healed by Peter.
Acts 5:12	The apostles healed many and did many signs.
James 5:14-15	The elders are to anoint the sick k with oil.

Latter-Day Scripture:

3 Nephi 17:9-10	Christ healed the sick and afflicted.
4 Nephi 1:5	Christ's disciples healed the sick.
D&C 35:9	The elders are to heal the sick and do many miracles.
D&C 46:19-20	Some people are given faith to be healed and others faith to heal.
D&C 88:118; 42:43; 46:13-14	Some have no faith, they can only believe.

9. You can be healed by faith outside of your church.

Bible:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4	There is a time to heal, a time to plant, etc.
Matthew 7:8	Everyone that asketh receiveth.
Mark 20:52	Faith healed a blind man.
Luke 4:40	Christ heals many.
Luke 7:1-10	The Centurion's servant was healed; all Israel lacked his faith.
Acts 14:8-11	Paul perceived that the cripple had faith to be healed.
James 5:14-15	The prayer of faith shall heal the sick.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 15:10	Zeezrom is healed by faith.
3 Nephi 17:8-10	Anyone who comes unto Jesus can be healed.

D&C 35:9	Who so shall ask in faith, shall cast out devils, heal the sick and the blind, etc.
D&C 42:48	Anyone not appointed unto death can be healed.

10. Mormons are not Christians.

Bible:

Matthew 7:16	By their furits ye shall know them.
Galatians 3:27	Those who have been baptized have put on Christ.
Ephesians 2:20	Christ is the chief corner stone.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 46:14-15	Those who take upon them the name of Christ are Christians.
Alma 48:10	If you believe in God, you are a Christian.
3 Nephi 27:5-8	Take upon you the name of Christ and be called by his name.
Ether 2:12	Those who possess this land shall be free if they but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ.
Moroni 7:10-11	"By their fruits ye shall know them."
Moroni 10:4	We must have faith in Christ.
D&C 45:1	Christ calls us his church.
Article of Faith No.1	We believe in God the Eternal Father, in his Son Jesus Christ and in the Holy Ghost.

11. Your Church meetings are irreverent.

Bible:

II Corinthians 3:6	The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.
Titus 1:15	To the pure in heart, all things are pure; to the unbelievers, nothing is.
I John 1:8	No man or people are perfect.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Moroni 6:5-9	Meetings are to be conducted in the manner of the spirit.

D&C 109:20-21 No unclean thing is permitted to come into God's house. Those who shall show reverence, will receive blessings.

Other:

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12. There isn't enough ceremony in your Church.

Bible:

Matthew 6:1-6 Don't do alms to be seen of men.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Alma 31:12-29 The false worship of the Rameumptom is told.

Alma 33:2-8 Worship is not confined to sanctuaries.

D&C 112:10 We should be humble and God will lead us.

13. Mormons say their Church is true, but they don't live what they teach.

Bible:

Ecclesiastes 7:20 There is no just men that is without sin.

Matthew 26:69-74 Peter denied Christ three times.

Mark 14:38 The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

Luke 22:47-49 Judas betrayed Christ.

Luke 22:54-57 Peter denied Christ.

Acts 20:28-30 Some members will be grievious wolves that will try to destroy the church (flock).

Romans 7:23-25 The flesh is subject to sin.

Galatians 5:17 The flesh lusteth against the spirit.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 28:21 — The devil cheats their souls and leads them carefully down to hell.

Alma 4:10 — The wickedness of the church was a great stumbling block to the non-members and the church did not prosper.

Alma 39:11 — Corianton's wickedness affected the faith of the Zoramites.

14. Mormons are communistic in their law of consecration.

Bible:

Acts 2:44-47 — Each person received the things that he needed.

Acts 4:31-32 — No one claimed anything as his own.

Latter-Day Scripture:

4 Nephi 15-16 — The law of consecration, based on love of God, brings happiness.

D&C 42:30-35 — Joseph Smith received the revelation on the law of consecration.

D&C 82:17-18 — Each person is equal and can improve upon his talents as long as they are just.

D&C 104:13-15 — The law of consecration says that all things are God's.

Other:

Benson, Exra Taft, Mormonism, Americanism and Politics, pp. 51-56.

Improvement Era, October 1932, pp. 724-726.

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15. We should have evidence of temples in ancient times.

Bible:

I Samuel 3:3 — Samuel lived in the temple of the Lord.

I Kings 6 — Solomon's temple is described.

Ezra 4:3 — The people built the temple of Zerubbabel.

Nehemiah 6:10 — They met in the temple of God.

Isaiah 6:1	The temple belonged to the Lord.
Amos 8:3	The songs of the temples are described.
Malachi 3:1	A temple is to be built to which the church can come.
Matthew 4:5	The devil sat Christ on the pinnacle of the temple.
Mark 11:15	Jesus cleansed the temple.
Luke 2:46	Christ talked to the doctors in the temple of Jerusalem.
Luke 22:53	Christ was in the temple daily.
John 2:20	The Jews taked about the temple of Jerusalem.
Revelation 7:11	Do service of God in the temple.
Revelation 11:19	The temple of God was opened in heaven.

Latter-Day Scripture:

2 Nephi 5:16	The Nephites built a temple like Solomon's
Jacob 1:17	Jacob taught in the temple.
Jacob 2:11	Jacob cleansed himself and preached in the temple.
Mosiah 1:18	Mosiah taught in the temple.
3 Nephi 11:1	The people around the temple in Zarahemla were astonished.

16. Plural marriage is immoral. (I Timothy 3:2)

Bible:

Genesis 25:6	Abraham, highly favored of God, had several wives and concubines.
Genesis 30	Although Jacob had four wives, God found no fault.
II Samuel 12:7-11	God gave David his several wives, but because of his sin, God took them away and gave them to another.
I Kings 11:3-4	Solomon had seven hundred wives, but the only fault God found was that Solomon let some of his wives turn to idolatry.

Isaiah 4:1	In the last days seven women will cling to one man.
I Timothy 5:16-17	Worthy elders may take care of widows only if they can be counted worthy of "double honor."

Latter-Day Scripture:

Jacob 2:11-30	The Nephites were commanded to have one wife unless God commanded otherwise.
D&C 49:15-17	Marriage is ordained of God.
D&C 132	This tells of the great prophets, favored by God, who had several wives.

17. Christ didn't have any literal brothers and sisters.

Bible:

Matthew 12:46-50	His mother and brethren desired to speak with Him.
Matthew 13:55-56	His mother was called Mary, and his brethren were called James, Joses, Simon, Judas and his sisters.
Mark 3:31-35	His brethren and mother came calling on Him.
Mark 6:3-4	The Savior refers to his brothers as kin.
Luke 8:19-21	Christ's mother and brethren hear the word of God.
Acts 1:13-14	The apostles met in prayer and supplication with the women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brethren.
Galatians 1:19	James is the Lord's brother.

18. I can't accept your doctrine of blood atonement.

Bible:

Genesis 9:12-13	The murderer's blood is to be shed.
Hebrews 9:22	Christ shed his blood for the remission of sins.
Hebrews 10:26-29	The blood of the wicked is required under the covenant.
Luke 22:19-20	Christ's blood was shed for us.
I John 3:15-16; 5:16	Murder is a sin unto death.

Latter-Day Scripture:

I Nephi 12:10	Christ's blood is to purify the righteous.
2 Nephi 9:7, 35	The murderer is to die.
Mosiah 3:11,15	The atonement is also for those who did not know the will of God.
Alma 1:13-14	Nehor was condemned to die because he killed Gideon.
Alma 21:9; 34:11-12	The atonement is the great plan of God.
D&C 42:18-19 & 79	He that killeth shall die.
Moses 6:59-61	The blood of Christ sanctifies us from our sins.

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19. If you were the true Church, you wouldn't have allowed the Mountain Meadow Massacre.

Bible:

Genesis 34:25-31	The sons of Jacob killed the Schechemites and were chastised.
Joshua 24:15	Man is a free agent to choose whom he will serve.
I John 3:7-8	He that commiteth sin is of the devil.
I John 3:12	Cain slew Abel because his works were evil.

Latter-Day Scripture:

Pearl of Great Price, p. 60 (Article of Faith No. 2)	Man will be punished for his own sins.

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1. The people deed their property to the Bishop.		1. The property is taken from the people.
2. The Bishop as trustee, deeds as much property as the person can properly use.		2. The property belongs to the State.
3. A person may hold as much as he can properly develop.		3. The state doles it out & forces its use. Quotas are given by State.
4. Surplus, not needed by the family or the improvement of the property, is turned into the Bishop's storehouse.		4. All produce belongs to ruling minority.
5. The youth receive their inheritances from the storehouse or deeds from the Bishop.		5. Property is distributed according to favoritism & by the state.
6. Surplus is also used to develop the community & for the worthy poor.		6. Surplus is used for the benefit of state.
7. All things are don by "Common Consent" of the people.		7. Controlled by 3% of the communists.
8. The order exists for the benefit of the individual.		8. Members exist for benefit of the state.
9. The right of free agency is strictly respected.		9. There is no free agency: Dictatorship.
10. Belief in God & Religion basic to membership; a covenant with God is required for membership.		10. Direct opposition to any belief in God or Religion.
11. God inspired plan. It leads to riches and joy.		11. Devil inspired plan man uses. A good deception, but poor imitation.
12. The individual is completely free to run the property as he desires. Competition is encouraged. New ideas & methods wanted & sought after.		12. Competition is forbidden. Quotas must be met regardless. Ideas are allowed but cannot be tried if rejected.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE LAW OF CONSECRATION ARE:

1. To emphasize true Christian principles in everyday life. Example = overcoming selfishness.
2. To achieve equality & unity (oneness) among members.
3. To foster industry; there are to be no idlers.
4. To administer to the needy by sharing with them.
5. To strengthen the family and exalt them as one.

OBJECTIVES OF COMMUNISM ARE:

1. To abolish all eternal truths. The state to control the person.
2. To make all equal, whatever that means
3. All must work where & when state says
4. State determines needs & doles out.
5. Abolition of the family, no marriage, free love & open sex for all.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF CONSECRATION:

1. The whole earth is the Lord's; that is, it is his property. We are only stewards.
2. Upon joining the Order or Law of Consecration, men shall deed to the Lord (Bishop), all his properties, etc.
3. The Bishop in turn will deed back to each head of a family in the order such property and goods sufficient to fill their needs, depending upon: (1) Size of family (number & age); (2) Needs and wants; (3) Their circumstances. This means that every family will receive not only its necessities to sustain life & make it comfortable, but also added materials fitting their talents & ability to administer them for the betterment of the whole community; thus personal initiative could be stimulated to serve nobely.
4. At appointed times surplus production & increase, beyond that needed by the family is to be given to the Bishops' storehouse for communal purposes.
5. A person is privileged to leave and keep his inheritance, but he cannot take that which was deeded to the Church. Disagreement is made & understood when he joins the Order.
6. There is no compulsion & business relations continue on a competitive capitalistic system.

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BAPTISMAL COVENANT OR CONTRACT

WHAT I AGREED TO DO FOR MY PART OF THE CONTRACT	SCRIPTURES	WHAT GOD HAS AGREED TO GIVE ME IN RETURN -- HIS PART	SCRIPTURES
1. To have repented of my sins	D&C 20:37	1. Forgive me and forget the sin	D&C 64:7-12
2. To take upon me the name of Christ	D&C 20:37	2. Give me the right to call myself L. D. S. or a true Christian	D&C 18:17-24
3. To enter into his Church or Kingdom	Mos. 18:8-14	3. To have my name written in the Book of Life	Rev. 20:15; 21:27; D&C 132:19
4. To enter into the gate of the kingdom of heaven	John 3:3-5	4. Gives opportunities to progress and become a God	D&C 132:9-20; 131:1-4
5. To become a son & daughter of Christ	D&C 39:1-41; 50:50-70	5. To become my God & my Father	D&C 8:1; 18:33; 11:2
6. To receive a "newness of life" or to be "born again"	Mos. 27:25-27	6. To enlighten my soul, mind & heart	D&C 11:13-14; 84:64-75
7. To receive the Holy Ghost	Acts 2:37-38	7. Give to me the gift of the Holy Ghost	D&C 84:64-75
8. To partake of the sacrament & renew this covenant often	D&C 59:8-13	8. To keep the covenant valid	D&C 42:61, 65, 69
9. To always remember Christ	D&C 20:37	9. That I have his spirit always with me	D&C 20:75-79
10. To be a witness for Christ in all places & at all times, even unto death	Mos. 18:9	10. To be my Advocate & Witness before the Father	D&C 29:1, 5; 110:4
11. To care for others, share their burdens, problems & debts	Mos. 18:8-14	11. To give me all power, all glory & all knowledge	D&C 76:51-70
12. To mourn & comfort others	Mos. 18:8-14	12. Peace in this life & eternal peace & life in the world to come	D&C 19:23; 14:7
13. To keep all God's commandments	D&C 20:37	13. Give me exaltation & eternal life	D&C 14:7

Note: The renewal of the Baptismal Covenant is by worthily partaking of the Sacrament (John 6:53-57; I Cor. 11:18-30; Matthew 5:23-24; 3 Nephi 18:28-32)

APPENDIX 3

Many times terms such as The Spirit of God, Lord, Spirit of Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Holy Ghost and many others are unclear and confusing. It is difficult to know to whom or about what the scripture is referring or talking about. The following chart is simply a guideline and is not intended to be all inclusive.

SCRIPTURAL TITLES	GOD THE FATHER OR CHRIST WITH THEIR PHYSICAL BODIES	CHRIST'S SPIRIT BODY (BEFORE BIRTH)	THE POWER OR INFLUENCE OF GOD THE FATHER OR CHRIST	THE HOLY GHOST (HIMSELF)	THE POWER OR INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST
1. HOLY GHOST	None	None	None	Acts 7:55-56 D&C 130:22-23 1 Ne. 11:11-12 John 14:26 Matt. 3:16-17	D&C 131:7-8 2 Ne. 32:2-8 2 Ne. 33:1-2
2. HOLY SPIRIT	None	Ether 3:6-17	See the Light of Christ	1 Ne. 11:11-12 1 John 5:5-7	D&C 46:11-36; 45:57; 76:116 I Cor. 2:9-16
3. SPIRIT OF THE LORD OR SPIRIT OF GOD OR SPIRIT OF TRUTH OR SPIRIT OF LIGHT	None	1 Ne. 11:11-12	D&C 121:34-38; 95:4; 63:32 Joel 2:28-32	D&C 67:11 Matt. 3:16-17 John 14:26; 16:7-16 Acts 2:1-4	2 Ne. 26:11 D&C 121:43; 63:32; 46:11 Acts 2:1-4 John 16:7-16
4. SPIRIT OF CHRIST	None	Ether 3:6-17	D&C 88:5-13	Alma 11:44	Hel. 5:45 1 Peter 1:11
5. LORD OR GOD (With Christ as God of the Old Testament)	None	Ether 3:6-17 Moses 5:all Ex. 24:9-11; 33:11, 18-23 Gen. 18:1-2; 32:30 Is. 43:10-15; 44:6; 45:5, 11; 48:12-16	None	None	None
6. LIGHT OF CHRIST (For members, this may be their conscience)	None	None	Moroni 7:12-19 D&C 84:44-46; 88:5-13 Smith, Joseph F., Jr. Doc. of Salvation, 1:38-54	None	None
7. THE COMFORTER	D&C 88:3-4; 130:3 John 14:15-25; 16:23 Smith, Joseph F. Jr., Doc. of Sal., 1:55	None	None	D&C 21:9; 24:5; 28:1; 31:11; 36:2; 42:17; 75:10, 27; 90:11 Moroni 8:26 John 14:26-27	Same as for Holy Ghost
8. HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE	NONE	None	None	None	D&C 20:60; 76:53 88:3; 124:124; 132:7, 26
9. BORN OF THE SPIRIT (This is the sanctification of a member by the Holy Ghost	None	None	None	3 Ne. 12:1-6 Mosiah 27:24-26 D&C 5:16; 19:31; 20:41,43,60 John 3:3-5 Moses 6:58-66	D&C 20:41,43,60
10. THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST	None	None	None	D&C 130:23 Smith, Jos. Jr., TPJS, pp. 198-199 Smith, Jos. F., Gospel Doctrine, pp. 60-61	Mosiah 27:24-26 D&C 33:15; 39:23; 49:14; 53:3; 121:26 Acts 3:37-38; 8:12-17
11. GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST	None	None	See Light of Christ	See same references as directly above	2 Ne. 32:2 Moroni 10:7-26 D&C 46:7-30 I Cor. 12:1-31

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APPENDIX 4

DIVISIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

I. First, Righteous, Just or Christ's	John 5:28-29; Rev. 20:12-15, 4-8 D&C 43:18; Alma 40:16-21
A. Special--Celestial	
1. Jesus Christ--first among men	Luke 24:36-42
2. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ from the resurrection of Christ. (This includes members from Adam's time until the present.)	Acts 26:22-23; I Cor. 15:19-23; D&C 45:49-53; Mosiah 15:18-21; 3 Nephi 11:1-17 Helaman 14:25 fulfilled in 3 Nephi 23:10; Matt. 27:52-53; D&C 133:54-55; Mosiah 15:21-24; Moses 7:56-57; Elders' Journal, Vol. I, pp. 28-29
B. General--Celestial	
1. Morning--also Celestial (righteous saints)	Acts 24:14-15; I Cor. 15:39-44; Mosiah 18:9; Alma 40:16-21; D&C 29:13; D&C 43:18; D&C 76:50-70; D&C 88:96-98
a. Those righteous to be caught up at Christ's second coming	I Thess. 4:13-18; D&C 88:97-98
b. Little children and mentally retarded (Color & Race doesn't affect this)	D&C 29:46-50; Mosiah 15:24-25
c. Negro (some)--these would also be saints	Way to Perfection, pp. 87-111
2. Afternoon--Terrestrial (good men of earth)	I Cor. 15:39-44; D&C 45:54; 76:71-80; 88:99-10
a. Those resurrected after Christ's arrival upon the earth (second coming)	D&C 88:99
b. Heathen nations (those who not law of Christ)	D&C 45:54; 76:72
c. Negro (more)	Way to Perfection, pp. 87-111
II. Second, Unrighteous, Unjust or Damnation	John 5:28-29; Acts 24:14-15; Rev. 20:5-8, 12-15; D&C 43:18
A. Morning--Telestial (wicked) Liars, Adulters, whoremongers, and Negroes (rest)	D&C 76:81-112; 88:100-101; Alma 11:41
B. Afternoon--Sons of Perdition	D&C 76:31-49; D&C 88:24, 102

Additional References: Eze. 37:1-14; Phil. 3:20-21; D&C 130:18-19; 2 Ne. 9:10-16; Alma 40:10-26; 41:all Helaman 14:15-18; Mormon 9:13-14

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MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD COVENANT

MY PART	REFERENCE	GOD'S PART	REFERENCE
1. I take upon me the name of Jesus Christ	D&C 18:23-25	1. Allows me to use his name with authority	D&C 18:23-24
2. I accept and will use the Holy Ghost in building the kingdom of God	Smith, Jos. Jr., DHC, 5:27 D&C 20:60	2. Provides the Comforter as well as prophets for my guides	D&C 6:32
3. I accept the agreement of righteousness	2 Ne. 26:11; Ether 2:15; D&C 42:11-15	3. Gives me the gospel path to righteousness.	D&C 29:42; 84:19; 133:57
4. I agree not to use force, pride or vain ambitions in exercising the Priesthood	D&C 121:34-38	4. Gives me his love, kindness & peace of mind	I Cor. 13 I John 4:8-21
5. I agree to use love, kindness, persuasion & long-suffering	D&C 121:41-43	5. Gives me success & accomplishments	D&C 6:33; 18:10-15
6. I agree to accept the gospel plan as my way of life	D&C 134:5	6. Sends eternal joy & happiness	D&C 93:33, 19; 6:31
7. I will magnify my priesthood callings	D&C 84:33	7. Makes me a son of Moses, Abraham & the elect of God	D&C 84:33-38
8. I will learn my duties & act in the office of my calling	D&C 107:99-100	8. Promises I may stand with God in last days & be found worthy	D&C 76:61-65
9. I will honor, respect & obey God's servants	D&C 84:35-36	9. I become the Son of Christ & his Father. I have God's respect	D&C 76:51-60
10. I will give all glory & honor to God	D&C 84:37-39	10. Gives me all things, no honor or power withheld	D&C 76:59; 84:38
11. I will keep the marriage covenant for all eternity	D&C 131:1-4; 132:1-28; 84:19-22	11. Gives me Godhood & eternal lives	D&C 131:4; 132:19-24
12. I acknowledge the penalties if I ever reject this covenant	D&C 84:41	12. No forgiveness in this life or hereafter	D&C 84:40-42

I/We: These things I covenant freely & do so in the name of Jesus Christ

PRIESTHOOD AUTHORITY

I. Differences Between:

	CALLINGS	CONFERRING	ORDAINING	SETTING APART	CONFIRMING (SUSTAINING)
Notes	All callings come by & through the power of the Priesthood	Conferring is used only in the Priesthood & not in the Auxillaries	All conferring, ordaining, setting apart, & in some cases, confirming is done by the laying on of hands	This may occur in both auxillaries & Priesthood	Confirming (sustaining) is always necessary before, or in a few cases, after action occurs
Definition	Receiving an appointment to an office in an auxillary or within the Priesthood. No authority has yet been bestowed	The bestowing of the Priesthood authority upon the man. A man receives all the rights of that Priesthood. This is always done by the laying on of hands	A man has the Priesthood conferred upon him, but is ordained to a particular office, such as deacon or High Priest. With an office, a man receives all the rights, powers & privileges of the office, but no keys	A person is set apart to a particular presidency within an auxillary or Priesthood Quorum. With the setting apart upon a Presidency is associated the bestowing of keys	The approving of an act or a person for immediate action or responsibility
Types	a. Auxillary 1. In some cases this is the bestowing of authority with no setting apart occurring; i.e., A MIA teacher 2. All calls should be confirmed by the members. b. Priesthood--all callings are made by the proper authority after careful interviews & seeking God's choice	a. Auxillary - none b. Priesthood conferred--once as an Aaronic Priesthood bearer & last as a Melchizedek bearer	a. Auxillary - none b. Priesthood ordination 1. To each office within the Aaronic & Melchizedek 2. Offices: (a) Aaronic: deacon, teacher, priest, bishop (b) Melchizedek: Elder, seventy, high Priest, bishop, patriarch, stake president, apostles, prophets & President	a. Auxillary - Generally the presidencies have hands laid upon them & are set apart. however, all Board members & teachers may be set apart. On a Stake & Church level all are generally set apart b. Priesthood--Occurs after interviews & is done by the laying on of hands, for every presidency, apostleship, etc.	a. Before call - This is often referred to as an interview. b. Following baptism--This type is by laying on of hands & serves as an entrance into the Kingdom & for conferring the Holy Ghost c. Before conferring, ordaining or setting apart. This is often called sustaining. d. After conferring, ordaining or setting apart. This is called a vote of membership or full fellowship into a Quorum

e. Activating keys, i.e., when the President of the Church is chosen, the keys he received when he was made an apostle are activated by laying on of hands.

II. Chain of Command Within the Priesthood

A. Prophet, Seer, Revelator, President of the Church & High Priesthood (only one Revelator for the Church) See D&C 1:4-6; 11:14-16; 21:1,4-5; 28:2-7, 11-14; 41;2-3; 43:1-9; 68:4; 107:65-66, 92-99; 112:15; 121:16-20; 124:94, 125; 132:7; Hebrews 5:1, 4-5; Amos 3:7; Ex. 4:15-16

B. First Presidency (two or more Counselors). When the President dies, there is no 1st Presidency. (Smith, Joseph Fielding, Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 105-106.

C. Quorum of Twelve Apostles (only twelve in the Quorum, although there may be more than twelve apostles), D&C 107:22-30

D. First Council of Seventies, D&C 107:22-30

E. Presiding Bishopric

F. Stake Presidency

G. Bishopric

H. The head of the home (Father in most homes)

I. Family Priesthood Bearers

III. Steps to choosing a new President of the Church

A. President dies and First Presidency is dissolved. Smith, Joseph Jr., DHC, 2:373-374.

B. Quorum of the Twelve preside and functions fully. DHC, 4:403; Woodruff, Wilford, Discourses of W. W., pp.71-74.
   1. If members of the First Presidency were ordained apostles and made members of the Twelve prior to their membership within the First Presidency, they return to their positions within the Quorum of Twelve Apostles.
   2. The President of the Twelve presides as the presiding High Priest of the Church.
   3. By the members of the First Presidency returning to their positions (by ordination date) in the Quorum of Twelve Apostles more than twelve members may result, in which case the last members ordained step out so that only twelve function. Smith, Joseph F. Jr. Life of J. F. Smith, pp.310-311; Taylor, John, Gos. Kingdom, pp.142

C. The Senior apostle is chosen as the new President and sustained by the Twelve. Widtsoe, John A., Prt. & Ch. Gov. pp.
   1. The Lord made this selection when He chose the man for an apostle and simply provided that the other members of the Twelve Apostles die before he does. Smith, Joseph F., Gospel Doctrine, pp. 171-177; Doc. of Sal., 3:154-157 249-57.
   2. The Twelve then lay their hands upon the new President's head and confirm (activate) the keys upon him.

D. A new First Presidency is organized. Smith, Joseph F. Jr., Doc. of Sal., 3:157; Smith, Joseph F., Gos. Doc., pp. 169-

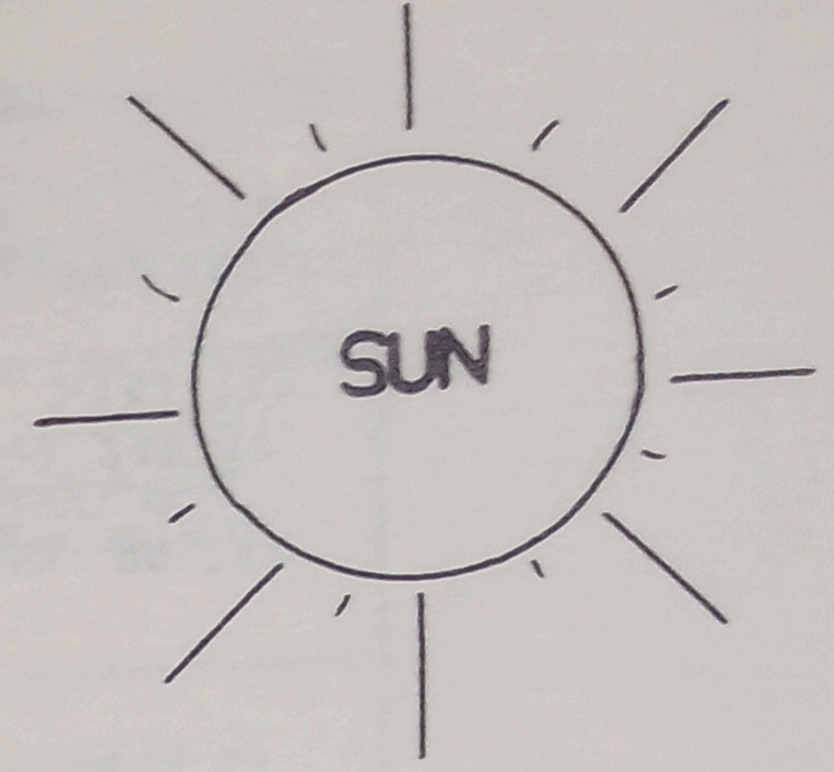
E. The Quorum of the Twelve Apostles is reorganized, with the Apostles who stepped out moved back into their places in the Twelve. Young, Brigham, Discourses of B. Y., pp. 137-142; D & C 107:22-24,64-67,79. . 176

F. If it is needed, new Apostles are chosen to replace those taken into the First Presidency or to fill the vacancy left by the Presiding Apostle.

G. The new Presidency, the new President of the Twelve and both Quorums are then presented to the membership of the Church for their sustaining vote. McConkie, Bruce R., "Common Consent", pp. 1-19; See Ref. on II A above.

PLAN OF SALVATION

1. INTELLIGENCES (uncreated, co-eternal with God) John 1:1-14 (Insp. Ver.); Abraham 3:18-23; D&C 93:29-30; DHC, 6:308-311
2. SPIRIT BIRTH AND LIFE. Heb. 12:9; Col. 1:15-16; Gen. 2:4-5; Moses 3:4-5; D&C 77:2; 131:7-8; DHC, 4:575
3. SPIRITUAL CREATION OF THIS EARTH (no accurate account). Smith, Joseph Fielding Jr., Doctrines of Salvation, 1:72-89



4. COUNCIL OF THE GODS (These are noble & great spirit children of Elohim). Abr. 3:22-28; Ch. 4-5
5. GENERAL COUNCIL OF SPIRITS (Those spirits chosen to come to this earth). Moses 1:1-2; 4:1-4; Abr. 3:22-28
6. REBELLION & WAR (1/3 of the spirits cast out) Jude 1:6; Rev. 12:4-5,7-10; 2Pet. 2:4; 2 Ne. 2:17-18; 9:8-9
7. ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL & EARTH ASSIGNMENTS Jer. 1:4-5; Deut. 32:7-9; Acts 17:26-30; Eph.1:3-4; Alma 13:2-9; Alma 12:25-30; 3 Ne. 1:13-14; TPJS, 181; DHC, 1:283; 6:364; Way to Perfection, pp. 33-54.

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Lk. 10:17-18; Mk. 3:11-12; Is. 14:7-12.
D & C 29:36-38.
Alma 12:25-30; 3 Ne. 1:13-14; TPJS, 181; DHC, 1:283; 6:364; Way to Perfection, pp. 33-54.

Satan & 1/3 of the Spirits were cast out of Heaven.

3A. Spiritual Creation of this Earth. (No. of yrs. ??)

8. Physical Creation of this Earth (No. of Yrs. ??)

Adam & Eve were placed on earth.

9. Fall (Temp. Creation)

10A. TEMPORAL BIRTH

10. Temporal Earth (Telestial State) 6000 yrs. duration D & C 77:6-15 Doc. of Sal., 1:80-82.

15. Millennium. (1000 Yrs.) Is. 11:4-9 Amos 9:13-15 Rev. 20:2-6 D & C 101:22-31 133:18-25 Moses 7:60-66 I Ne. 22:15,26

16. Satan Loosed for a short Period of Time. D & C 88: 111-116; Rev. 20: 7-15

17. Final Judgement Rev. 20:12-13

11. TEMPORAL DEATH

11A. Partial Judgement Alma 40

12. Spirit Paradise (A State of Rest & Peace) Alma 40:11-14; 4 Ne.1:14; Jn.20:15-17 Luke 23:42-43; I Cor. 15:19

Cel. Res.

13. Gulf Between Paradise & Prison Luke 16:19-31

14. Spirit Prison (A State of Misery, Hell) I Pet. 3:18-21; 4:6; Is. 24:21-22; 42:6-7; 61:1-3; D & C 76:73; I Ne. 15:30-36

Terr. Res.

Tel. & S.of P. Res.

18. ASSIGNED TO A KINGDOM.

CELESTIAL EARTH
I Cor. 15:40-42; 2 Cor. 12:2
John 14:1-3; Rev. 21:1-4;
D & C 76:50-70; 88:17-20;
88:25-26; 130:8-11; 131:1-5.

SECOND CELESTIAL EARTH

THIRD CELESTIAL EARTH

TERRESTRIAL EARTH
I Cor. 15:40-42; John 14:1-3
James 2:17; D & C 88:23
D & C 76:71-79

TELESTIAL EARTH
I Cor. 15:40-43; John 14:1-3
Rev. 22:12; D & C 88:24
D & C 76:81-112

SONS OF PERDITION
Rev. 20:15; D&C 88:24; 76:25-45

APPENDIX 6

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